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Idaho Department of Lands
Attn: Amidy Fuson
3258 W. Industrial Loop
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815

RE: Objection to Southern Marinas Hayden Lake LLC – Proposed
Expansion

Dear Ms. Fuson,

We are writing as homeowners on E. Tobler Road to formally object to the proposed expansion of the Hayden Lake Marina.

This proposal increases the marina from 206 to 240 slips, significantly intensifying commercial activity in what is primarily a residential area. While the marina has long been part of the community, this scale of expansion raises serious concerns about safety, environmental impact, and the character of our neighborhood.

The marina entrance sits directly at the merge of E. Tobler Road and E. Hayden Lake Road. Even under current conditions, merging onto Hayden Lake Road during peak summer months can be difficult. Adding 32 additional slips will increase vehicle traffic — particularly trucks and trailers



— at an already constrained and sensitive intersection. This creates daily safety concerns for residents simply trying to access their homes, commute, or respond to emergencies.

Increased boat density also affects safety on the water. More boats mean more congestion directly in front of residential docks where families swim and recreate. This reduces our ability to safely enjoy our own waterfront.

We are also concerned about cumulative environmental impacts. Additional pilings, more fuel usage, and increased boat traffic place greater strain on Hayden Lake, a resource that should be protected carefully and responsibly.

The proposal references added lighting and expanded facilities, yet there is little clarity regarding how noise, light pollution, and visual obstruction will be mitigated for neighboring homes. Waterfront views, quiet enjoyment, and safe access are core elements of our property rights and quality of life.

Most importantly, this expansion appears to primarily benefit a private commercial operation, while the burdens — traffic, congestion, environmental strain, and safety risks — fall on surrounding homeowners.

For these reasons, we respectfully request that this application be denied as submitted, or at minimum that a public hearing be held so that affected residents can be fully heard before any decision is made.

Hayden Lake is our home. Any expansion of this scale deserves careful consideration of the people who live here.

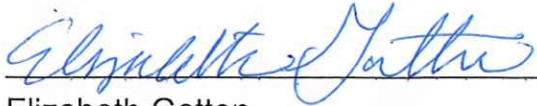
Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Respectfully,





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