

From: [Tammy Nickel](#)
To: [Amidy Fuson](#)
Subject: In Opposition to Hayden Lake Marina expansion request
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Hello Amidy , I hope this letter finds you well, as I am sure you are very busy fielding the letters and information requests regarding the application to expand the Hayden Lake Marina.

My home is at 2925 E Hayden Lake road, very close to the Marina. To get to my point, I am in strong opposition to this request. I have lived in Hayden Lake since 1976, having grown up there. I grew up on the lake, and I have owned my current home at 2925 E Hayden Lake road since 2018. My grandfather owned the home from 1986-2006. The traffic on East Hayden Lake road is already unsafe, as there are exponentially more vehicles on this road each year, as our area grows. Speeding is a constant, with very little patrol by our already spread thin Sheriff's Department. The parking on East Hayden Lake road is already very limited, along with very limited parking at the Marina itself.

Adding vehicles to this road would only increase our safety concerns. As would adding a shuttle service back and forth to the Marina along East Hayden Lake road. I have grandchildren who are at my home very often, especially during the summer months. The traffic and speeding on East Hayden Lake road already poses a major safety issue for them.

Adding more boats, and larger boats, along with a pump out station and relocating the fuel pumps would also greatly pose a safety issue on the lake. Hayden Lake is used by swimmers, kayaks, paddle boards, and fishermen. More boats, more wakes, and the increased lake traffic would pose a serious safety issue for those users of the lake. We already have wake, congestion, and other safety problems on the lake, again, our already spread thin Sheriff's Department can't keep up with the issues we already have.

Hayden Lake is a small lake. Adding more docks, boats, a pump out station would be highly detrimental, not to mention the environmental impacts to our water, fish, and other marine wildlife.

Please add this letter of opposition to the record of this matter.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Subject: Concerns Regarding Proposed Hayden Lake Marina Expansion (IDL Case No. PH-2026-NAV-22-002 / Application ERL-95-S-1741Q)
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Dear Amidy,

I hope this email finds you well.

My family and I reside less than a quarter of a mile from the Hayden Lake Marina, making us directly affected residents of the proposed commercial marina reconfiguration and expansion project submitted by Southern Marinas Hayden Lake, LLC.

I am shocked that we were not notified of this application, especially given that when we sought to relocate our own private dock, we were required to obtain permission from our adjacent neighbors. How is it that a project of this magnitude—one with real potential effects on our community, public safety on narrow local roads, environmental conditions on the lake, and nearby property values—was not brought to our attention or the attention of other nearby residents during the planning process?

We were completely unaware of this application until very recently, despite the project involving significant changes such as dock replacement, addition of 32 new slips, fuel station relocation, and overall modernization/expansion. We only learned of it through local news coverage and a recent letter to the editor in the Coeur d'Alene Press published yesterday, which highlighted similar concerns from nearby property owners.

We share many of the points raised in that letter, including:

- Lack of meaningful outreach or consultation with adjacent and nearby property owners during the planning process (which reportedly spanned roughly 2.5 years for the applicant).
- Potential traffic and safety impacts on narrow local roads like East Tobler Road, where increased construction activity and marina use could pose real risks, yet the application appears to assume no material change in traffic conditions without a supporting study.
- Unanswered questions in the application regarding parking, land-use approvals, environmental impacts (e.g., from removing existing infrastructure), and the commercial motivations driving the expansion.

As stakeholders who live in close proximity and value the character, safety, and environmental health of Hayden Lake, we are disappointed that we were not notified or provided an

opportunity to learn more about the proposal earlier and to submit our views during the initial review period.

We kindly request the following information and clarification:

1. Details on any public notification or outreach requirements for this type of encroachment permit application on navigable waters, and why nearby residents were not directly informed.
2. Confirmation of the current status of the application, including whether a public hearing has been scheduled (as referenced in recent news reports) and how/when the public can participate or submit comments.
3. Access to any additional application materials, studies, or responses to the concerns raised (e.g., traffic, parking, environmental assessments) beyond what is publicly posted.
4. Guidance on the best way for us to formally express our concerns and have them considered in the decision-making process.

We appreciate your role in managing these public trust resources and ensuring fair, transparent processes. Thank you in advance for your time and assistance—we look forward to your response and any next steps.

Sincerely,

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Mark, here is the email and contact to send a letter. I didn't receive anything either...from what I saw, they put in the application in October, and it recently became public knowledge

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From: [Rob Krcmarov](#)
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Subject: Re: Marina Objection
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Good evening Deborah.

Thank you for your letter of objection. I have already sent my objection package, but Ms Amidy Fuson (Lands Resource Specialist, Sr, Navigable Waters at IDL - and copied herein) kindly informed me earlier today that

“At this time, the public comment period remains open and will generally stay open until the public hearing takes place. The date, time, and location of the hearing have not yet been set, so there is still ample time to submit your letter.”

So your email counts.

Thank you for providing your comments.

Best regards
Rob

On Wed, Feb 18, 2026 at 8:18 PM Deborah Shirreffs <jdalom365@aol.com> wrote:

I hope this letter is not too late!

My name is Deborah Shirreffs and I live at 9170 N Clarkview Pl., Hayden. I am writing in objection to the Marina Expansion which, in my opinion, will have a negative effect on the residents of Coopers Bay. I strongly urge that this expansion not take place!

1. Increase in traffic, during and after completion of the expansion. Heavy equipment using our roads causing potential damage of the pavement, not to mention stoppage of traffic for commuters to and from work.
2. Increase in pedestrian traffic to the marina, crossing the street and along the side of road where people have parked due to lack of parking spaces. Cars parked alongside the road that do not meet the requirement of being parked completely off the road will also increase .
3. Shuttle service with also impact traffic on the road, which was never built to accommodate vehicles of that type on a regular basis. Where will the shuttle have its drop off point? Currently, there is not place where that can be safely done and would require elimination of parking spaces. Has anyone consulted the home owners in the areas where boat owners will park offsite and require shuttle service?

They, too, will be negatively impacted. The road is already impacted more in the summer with bike riders, people walking their dogs or just strolling along the lake. The expansion will only add to an already heavily used road in the summer.

4. More boats on the lake more lake traffic,(who is going to monitor the lake traffic?), more water pollution and decrease in water quality resulting in negative effect on marine life, not to mention possibility of gas leaking in the lake with the location of the fueling facilities being moved into the deeper water area. More erroion

5. There doesn't seem to be a public need for expansion (local) many boat owners are out of state (WA) The expansion does not benefit local residents, but will only result in negatives for the residential neighbors, increase in traffic, noise, extra lighting from the increase of docks, wear and tear on the roads, influx of people who don't live in the area, while a company the is based in Florida reaps all the benefits! Doesn't seem like there is a public need, only a corporate want!

6. Why has it only become public knowledge about this expansion in recent weeks? Why were only two home owners consulted, when this expansion will affect all who live in the Cooper's Bay area! We should have had a voice!

7. This is not a public use area! It is not a public boat launch. It can only be used by those that own a boat and can afford the slip rental. Even the parking areas are restricted- I can't park in the area by the restaurant and then take a stroll along the lakeside, so how can that be described as "public"?

This expansion is just a bad idea for all residents of Cooper's Bay!

Respectfully Submitted,

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From: [Marlene Hanson](#)
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To whom it may concern:

I live just above and behind the marina and have for 7 years. I purchased my home expressly for the lake view. This expansion would make the better part of my view the Marina and a sea of tarps, cars/trucks and boats. This would not make my ability to sell better, but certainly increase my property taxes - due to added infrastructure needs.

The traffic on this little two lane road and especially the tight curve at the entrance to the marina is always congested and dangerous for pedestrians to cross from parking to the lake. Add shuttles of additional people and it can only be worse.

This expansion could only make it worse. New docks and parking ? Where is the room? The marina is enclosed by private homes and this small Condo complex.

The lake has had and continues to have water quality issues. Expansion could only threaten it more - more waste, more trash, more chemicals, etc.

The residents here are because they chose to afford to live here on this small lake and its surrounding forested lands. We want to protect it.

This project is too much, too big, and wrong for this small lake community.

I urge you to please NOT ALLOW the expansion of Hayden Lake Marina.

Thank you for this consideration

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Sent from my iPhone