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Lindsay,

Here is our letter of support. Please let us know what else we can do to help you through this process.

Todd and Kristen Baldrige

February 24, 2026

To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing in strong support of the Hayden Lake Marina expansion project.

Established more than 70 years ago, the marina has long provided the only public access on Hayden Lake for fuel, food and beverages, boat rentals, and marine services. As Hayden residents who live just a half mile from Honeysuckle Beach, we have personally enjoyed many of these offerings over the years. We have made numerous paddleboard trips to the Boathouse for lunch and have also taken advantage of the marina's boat rental services when family visits. These experiences have been a wonderful way for us to enjoy the lake as local residents.

The proposed project to replace the aging docks with modern, environmentally friendly infrastructure is a much-needed improvement. The incorporation of new lighting and an improved layout will significantly enhance safety for all lake users, including boat renters, day boaters, slip renters, paddleboarders, kayakers, canoeists, and lakeside residents. As the only public location on Hayden Lake to eat, shop, refuel, and receive marine services, the marina plays a vital role in supporting recreation activities.

In addition to safety benefits, the new state-of-the-art marina will enhance the overall beauty of the area. The modern design thoughtfully integrates wave attenuation technology that will help protect the Coopers Bay shoreline from erosion—protection that currently does not exist.

Importantly, the marina's efficient design will increase slip capacity by approximately 15% without expanding impacts to the lake or surrounding areas. This is a responsible way to meet current demand. Over the past two decades, the boating industry has steadily shifted toward longer vessels, many of which are already in use on Hayden Lake. Providing appropriately sized slips will help reduce pressure on already congested public launch ramps.

Hayden Lake Marina has become a cherished summer tradition for many families who gather there for food, drinks, music, and time together on the water. We believe this thoughtful modernization will ensure the marina continues to safely serve the community for decades to come.

Thank you for your consideration and for supporting improvements that benefit both lake users and the broader Hayden community.

Sincerely,

Todd and Kristen Baldrige