



Memo

To: Mayor and Hayden City Council

From: Abbi Sanchez, City Clerk

Date: March 24, 2026

Agenda Item: Hayden Lake Marina Request for Letter Supporting their Expansion Project on Hayden Lake

Agenda Item Location

New Business

Recommended Action or Motion

For written support of the Hayden Lake Marina's expansion project: Direct staff to provide a letter of support for the project on behalf of the Mayor and Council.

Background/Functional Impact of Authorizing

Hayden Lake Marina is requesting from the city a letter supporting their expansion project on Hayden Lake. Their project application is currently under review by the Idaho Department of Lands, with a hearing scheduled for April 15, 2026.

Functional Impact of Not Authorizing

The city would not provide a letter of support from the city for this project.

Fiscal Impact

N/A

Budget Funding Source / Transfer Request

N/A

Attachment

Request for Letter of Support from Hayden Lake Marina

Dear Mayor Davis,

Thank you for taking my call yesterday and your willingness to explore if a letter of support from your office is appropriate. As we discussed, Hayden Lake marina is working on an upgrade and expansion project on Hayden Lake that we believe will bring meaningful benefits to both the City of Hayden and the broader community. [IDL APPLICATION HERE](#)

As the only full-service public marina on Hayden Lake, our role extends beyond serving slip holders; we provide critical access to the lake for residents and visitors alike. Our proposed dock improvement and 32 slip expansion project is designed to modernize aging infrastructure, enhance safety, and better accommodate the size and needs of today's recreational boaters.

This project represents a significant investment in the community and aligns closely with several key priorities:

- **Economic Impact & Tourism:** Hayden Lake Marina is a driver of local tourism, attracting visitors who support nearby businesses, restaurants, and services. We currently serve 62 vacation rentals on Hayden Lake, with more visitors planning their trips to the area because they prefer Hayden Lake over Lake Coeur d'Alene. Enhancing the marina will strengthen Hayden's appeal as a destination and contribute to sustained economic growth.
- **Public Access to Hayden Lake:** With increasing demand and limited public access points, expanding marina capacity ensures that more residents and visitors can safely and reliably enjoy the lake. Currently we have 185 local residents on our waitlist for a slip.
- **Community Partnership:** We are proud to be an active member of the Hayden community; supporting local events, creating jobs, and maintaining a high standard of service that reflects positively on the city. We are active members in the Hayden Chamber of Commerce, we volunteer our time with local groups, and we donated over \$20,000 to local charities in 2025.
- **Environmental Responsibility & Safety:** The project includes updated utilities and fueling systems designed to meet modern environmental standards, helping protect water quality while improving boater safety. We're committed to the stewardship of the environment to protect the beauty of the lake for generations to come.

Our application is currently under review by the Idaho Department of Lands, with a hearing scheduled for April 15th in Coeur d'Alene. A letter of support from your office would be

incredibly meaningful as part of the public record and would help demonstrate the City's support for responsible, community-focused development.

If you're open to it, I would be happy to provide additional details or meet at your convenience to walk through the project and answer any questions.

Thank you for your time, your leadership, and your continued commitment to the Hayden community. We truly appreciate your consideration.

Warm regards,

Lindsey Olmstead

General Manager

Hayden Lake Marina

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