

Dear Mayor and Council members,

I am writing this from my phone while in Hoonah harbor. Sorry for any misspelling and/or punctuation errors.

It seems to me that the city's plan to do more ditching in the Old Same Road neighborhood, while with good intentions, is a plan that has not been thought out completely.

We know of existing PFAS in very high concentrations currently exists on a residential property along the road that would be ditched.

In that light, it would prudent for the city to work with and get advice from other agencies such as DEC and/or the Shannon-Wilson group that is already monitoring the water quality in the area.

The proposed ditching is obviously of great concern of those in the neighborhood. Unintentional spreading of known PFAS by the project, to uncontaminated properties and/ or properties with low level contamination, would put the city in a tough position. It would seem that the city should be held liable for the damage.

The potential of the spread is something I would like to have the city address before the first shovel full is dug.

What's the plan if things go south?

Has the city done its due diligence?

If the project devalues property, is the city going to compensate owners?

Is the city going to install new water cisterns for everyone? If so, when?

Wouldn't the city want to have those in place before contaminating people's drinking and gardening water. Before people become ill?

Another question I have, has the city gotten a permit from ADF&G Habitat Division for the additional drainage into a salmon stream as identified by the anadromous water catalog? And if so, what is the permit number?

The city could add many more layers of gravel to the road, (which I believe to be a more effective solution anyway), rather than risk the cost and problems of this project.

Please address these concerns before going much further.

I look forward to discussing these issues with you.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Tom Traibush

