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A cap on cruise ship visitors must some how be put in place. We are losing our community to the overwhelming numbers these ships disgorge. As an avid user of the trails and waterways I can tell you that we are over capacity for helicopters, whale watchers and the hordes on our trails. Many cities all over the world are starting to push back against this seemingly unstoppable bully of an industry. I have personally taken a couple cruises with my parents and was shocked when every night on the cruise stage and stateroom TV the ship discouraged shopping at or hiring any independent vendor in each community we were about to visit. As a co-owner of the Auke Bay Kayak business for many years, we were the recipient of this unkind behavior first hand.

Our city and the industry attempts to mitigate the growth every year and never considers capping it, and they tell us what a great job they are doing. Please cap the numbers on cruise ships and instead reach out more to the independent travelers who spend more money in our town and impact us less.

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