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Negative tourism impacts by whale watching Fleet In Auke Bay Harbor. One - whale watching boats frequently ignore both the no wake zone and the 5 mph zone. Two - why is it that Auke bay launch ramp has the only parking lot with parking fees? Is this to dissuade local use during tourist season? Three - it is a huge expense to dredge the harbor blast a underwater rock and build a docking facility just for the whale watching fleet. Who is paying for this? Four - Why does Auke Bay harbor have portable toilets for the Tourists but not for the fisherman.

Negative tourism impacts on the local fishing area . One - locals are unable to fish many areas due to the Huge wakes created by the whale watching fleet.Two- harassment of Whales being followed for hours continuously by multiple boats in a continuous rotation of whale watching boats. Three - a similar continuous harassment of sea lions at the Faust rock navigation can.I know that the sea lions are being fed herring because only recently in the last few years have I seen see lions obviously approaching my boat looking for a handout.

One solution would be to limit the number of whale watching boat on weekends so that locals could enjoy their backyard also.