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Dear Assembly Members, Visitor Industry Task Force Members and Alix Pierce,

I am writing to weigh in regarding the Five Ship Limit and Helicopter noise. The limit is too little, too late to have offered any improvement in my area. Tuesdays have long been the loudest day of the week. Now every day is Tuesday. Huge ships with thousands more passengers everyday equals noise 12 hours a day from April to October. I would like to invite each of you to please come out and work remote in this zone for a few hours to experience this firsthand. I made some notes on a recent Sunday afternoon to help quantify a slice of an average day's experience:

1:00pm observed and noted helicopter flights from back porch for 34 minutes

30 individual helicopters flew by
sometimes over lapping departing and arriving
sometimes Heintzelman Ridge and River Route operating simultaneously creating an extra reverberation

2 quiet gaps occurred when no helicopters could be heard, once for 4 minutes and once for 5 minutes

This is summer, 8am to 8pm, 7 days a week. A local permit process that considers year-round residents, and dock fees used to actually address the real community impacts of our daily summer population, are imperative to find a balance. Juneau residents deserve to enjoy their yards and decks, trails and beaches during our short summers just as much as ship visitors. Earlier evening quiet hours? A quiet day each week? Stronger local control and permitting please.

Respectfully and hopefully submitted,
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