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The cruise industry has reduced the quality of life dramatically since I arrived in Juneau with my family twenty five years ago. Since we've been here, congestion is worse, crime is worse, housing is worse, the cost of living is worse, taxes are higher and services are worse. We need a limit on Cruise ship tourism and I hope this study comes to that conclusion. In particular, I am in full support of items 20-23 on the spreadsheet. The whale watching has gotten out of control and has reduced the quality of life in the Auke Bay area with no benefit to its residents. Additionally, for the whale watching and tourist industry in general, I think there should be a study of how many business owners receive a PFD (to determine residency), as well as their employees. We are always told these are our friends and neighbors but I think it's becoming more common for non-residents to own the businesses and hire non-residents as employees, which exacerbates the housing crisis we are experiencing. Each of the 100+ whale boats hires a Captain and crew for the summer and a study would reveal how many are from Juneau as opposed to the Lower 48. Thank you for your work on this subject.

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