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Dear City Clerk and members of the VITF,
I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the work of the task force. I mean no disrespect regarding my comments to all of the efforts made by community leaders, tourism advocates, our assembly and various committees.

I have lived in Juneau since 1982 and am relieved to live 18 miles out of town, despite the spread of visitors to our town and the impacts they are making to our "peace and quiet" out the road.

#18 - PLEASE limit the helicopter flight seeing schedule and disruptions to the airspace and noise pollution that these helicopters make throughout the day. Conversations can not be heard and must halt due to their onslaught noise overhead.

#20 - Whale Watching policies - There are too many whale watching boats crowding around and seriously harassing a single whale or group of whales. The whales have no peace and the continued support by CBJ (#23) to find impartial and unbiased whale researchers to be included when developing policies that the whale viewing industry needs to be continued. The number of boats crowding around a whale and bothering it/them is irritating. Having over 25 boats surrounding a whale is unconscionable. How can a "tourist", tour operator, naturalist think that this behavior is ok???

These are my last minute comments….

Thanks,
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