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About 20 years ago, the US Forest Service held a symposium about tourism and public lands in Southeast Alaska. One of the speakers was from Bar Harbor, Maine. He outlined how the community was managing cruise ship activity by limiting the number of ships each day. Some attendees still insisted that it isn't legal to do so and others wondered why Juneau didn't consider this. I just collected some updates on how they have been addressing this issue over the past 2 decades which I thought may be of interest to the task force. The links are listed below:

<https://www.mdislander.com/opinions/state-of-maine-resisting-a-summer-only-economy>

<https://www.barharbormaine.gov/DocumentCenter/View/641>

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/12/31/us/bar-harbor-cruise-acadia.html>

<https://www.pressherald.com/2019/06/17/sea-change-caught-in-a-jam-as-vacationers-keep-flooding-into-maine-civic-leaders-are-studying-the-impact-of-overtourism-on-places-like-acadia-and-bar-harbor/>

I also wanted to share another concern that may have been overlooked. Food supplies in Juneau are also affected by an increase in the number of visitors. A store manager recently told me that one cruise company sent staff to the store to purchase every stick of butter in stock. He wished they would have gotten in touch so he could have been prepared because local customers went without until he could get more. Perhaps this could become part of the TBMPs.

Thank you for your consideration.