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CBJ Visitor Industry Task Force,

Hello, my name is Dave Klein and I live in Auke Bay at 12410 Glacier Highway. While the impacts of tourism are felt in many areas of Juneau, Auke Bay is particularly impacted by bus traffic due to being a drop off location for the many whale watch tours that originate from our public and private docks. Unlike downtown, the businesses of Auke Bay do not benefit directly from cruise ship tourists. The reason is that these guests are quickly transported to their charters/tours, only leaving the impacts of their transportation as they look for bus parking/staging locations or motor by continuously throughout the day.

Throughout the public process of developing the Auke Bay Area Plan, many residents cited goals for the future of Auke Bay that often clash with tourism and are likely to increase if tourism is not controlled, to include:

1. Pedestrians can move freely and safely throughout Auke Bay for recreation, education, enjoyment, or just destination linkages
2. Auke Bay accommodates and provides an enjoyable place for commercial and recreational boaters

In Chapter 2 of the Auke Bay Area Plan: Natural Resources, Habitat and Hazards, a goal is to protect and restore marine habitat in Auke Bay. Policies 2.1 and 2.2 cover the evaluation of habitat and development of eelgrass and create a plan to reduce sedimentation and other impacts in the area.

A common concern of Auke Bay residents is the interest shown by Docks and Harbors in developing Auke Bay as a destination for small cruise ships. Please refer to Docs and Harbors Board-OPS/Planning Committee Memorandum regarding Small Cruise Ship Infrastructure Master Planning dated May 22, 2019.

The Auke Bay Neighborhood Association is planning to meet soon to discuss the process of amending the Auke Bay Area Plan in order to contain more specific language in regards to small cruise ship use of Auke Bay. This has been a common concern, and although voiced during Auke Bay planning meetings. never made it into the area's plan.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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