## **Cruise Ship Industry** The Primary Driver for Juneau's Tourism

## Four Ways to Get to Juneau



# Why Juneau is #1 Cruise Ship Destination in Alaska





#### Mendenhall Glacier



## **Glacier Bay**







# 2016 Cruise Ship Activity By the Numbers

32 Large ships in the Southeast market 480 Ship Visits in 2016

6 ships in port on busiest days

Average passengers per ship - 2,100

- Sapphire Princess (2,600)
- Celebrity Solstice (2,850)

• Crown Princess (3,082)

Daily visitors - peak days - 12,000 Juneau's Population - 33,000

#### One Millionth Ship Visitor Disembarked September 22nd



## 500,000 Visitors toured the Mendenhall Glacier



## *17,000 Icecap Landings 88,000 passengers*

## 7,000 Whale Watch Tours



### *3,500 Salmon & Halibut Charters*



## Economic Impact on Southeast

# 10,800 jobs \$108 million in labor income \$626 million in spending

# Economic Impact on Juneau

- •2,750 jobs
- •\$95 million in labor income
- •\$189 million in spending
- •\$9.5 million in local sales tax



# Growth of cruise passengers outpaced shore side infrastructure

- Air Pollution while in port / solid waste discharge
- Tour Bus & Pedestrian traffic created congestion
- Insufficient bus parking & passenger staging areas
- Aircraft noise helicopters traveling to ice field & planes picking up passengers directly from ship
- Inadequate Infrastructure at points of interest
- Whale watch/fishing charters and related tour buses have created harbor congestion
- Conflict between the community & the cruise ship industry – demanded action by the City of Juneau

## Solutions

#### Air Pollution while ships in port

- New EPA Regulations
- Joint Project between AEL&P & Princess to provide shore power to vessels in port
- Industry continues to upgrade vessels with new scrubber systems

#### Aircraft noise – both helicopters & fixed-wing

- Designation of specific flight paths for helicopters to minimize flights over populated areas
- Banned "piston" engine aircraft in Juneau Harbor – Companies had to repower to turbine engines

#### Tour Bus traffic Pedestrian Traffic

- Crossing guards
- Construction of shore side sea walk to move passengers from ships to downtown area
- Ongoing expansion of tour bus parking and loading areas
- Construction of new docking facilities

#### Whale watch tours over-crowding

 Auke Bay Harbor expansion project 75% complete to provide expansive bus parking and new facilities for charter operators City & Borough of Juneau is constructing two new cruise ship docks designed to accommodate the new "Panamax" sized vessels & improve the staging of passengers \$53m dock - \$21m shore side



In 1996, in an effort to stave off the City of Juneau from limiting tourism activity, a group of leaders in the tourist industry drafted the *"Tourism Best Management Practices" TBMP* 

18 page agreement that spells out guidelines for the treatment of both tourists and residents while conducting a respective activity.

Most Juneau tourism businesses now train their employees each spring on TBMP...and it has been adopted by many other communities involved in tourism.

TBMP is celebrating it's twentieth anniversary





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