

Questions for the Cruise Ship Industry

1. Are you or any of your ships planning to apply for permission to dump while stationary and docked or moored while in Southeast Alaska? If so, where?
2. Will you provide notice to the public as to when and where you will be dumping your waste before doing so, so that we can avoid it if we chose?
3. What steps will you take to avoid dumping near seals or other marine mammals? How will those steps be documented?
4. Will you collect any ambient water quality data for any of the receiving waters you are dumping into before dumping?
5. Will you commit not to dump in Alaska waters and only out in International Waters?
6. Are any of the ships equipped with stack gas scrubbers in order to reduce air pollution?
7. Are the ships utilizing low-sulfur fuel to reduce air pollution? If not, why?
8. Are you aware of any Southeast Alaska specific water quality data that shows that our waters are safe to dump in? Why shouldn't the polluter pay to have such data collected?
9. Are you going to notify any fish hatcheries or shellfish farms when and where you plan to dump before you dump?
10. You have stated in documents supplied to the State that your treatment systems are better than most city treatment plants, but cities are not designed to create profits. What is a ballpark estimated profit for the cruise ship industry from Alaska operations?
11. In 2006 the majority of Alaskans voted to require better water treatment from cruise ships, but in 2013 your industry lobbied the legislature to overturn that initiative. Do you think it is appropriate for elected leaders to ignore the will of a majority of Alaskan votes?