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Heliports/Heliskiing

Are we going to be proactive? Comp Plan p. 72...Recreation LUD...The stage is getting bigger. AK Heliskiing has requested that the borough consider creating operating zones for different operators. Limited Entry.

Smith says it isn't going to happen because the borough can't regulate air space...can we regulate where they land?

Per Stephanie, in Canada, operators/outfitters have specified areas...

Competitive permits might be allowable...

Norm...sales tax..where is it? Debra, the industry is building its own lodging...

Is the Heliski industry lodging, restaurant....Enforcement...Sales Tax

Lots of discussion about how the industry is defining itself around a business plan of Vertical integration.

35 Mile reported that FAA

18 Mile also.....

Looking for ways to cut costs....

Jerry: research commercial recreation zones...several.

Fisheries: Head's up for April. This is about the degradation of the wild salmon stocks in Chilkoot and Chilkat....ADF&G wants to frame the problem as a political issues / allocation. Local fishermen believe it has been mismanaged.

Goals...

Changing economy... entrepreneurial....500 licenses

HAL bought Thunderbird to convert to Veterans Home...