Mayor Scott + Haines Borough Assembly, 22 Oct '12

Regarding the proposed heli-ski ordinance, please consider the following comments:

- Fines need to be impactful enough to deter violations. $1000.- per day for permit violations approaches this goal.
- User fees of $5.- per skier day will help offset the Borough's costs to regulate this industry
- An intact environment is integral to humans. Any changes to the heli-ski map needs to include consideration of impacts to wildlife. This impact is often subtle initially; by the time impact is obvious, it is often too late to remedy. This consideration can be done by consulting Fish + Game biologists who have the benefit of studies to guide them in making informative recommendations. Please don't deny yourselves information! The current Borough regulations regarding wildlife are lax. I suggest you adopt regulations that others faced with the same situation have adopted. The BLM, US Forest Service in Chugach, and British Columbia agencies have adopted the Sheep + Goat Council Regulations. Please do the same.
- Thank you for serving on the Assembly -

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