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Subject: Re: Heliski ordinance change/helsinki policy change
Reply-To: joe@joeordonez.com

Hi Stephanie,

Thanks for taking a leadership stance on this issue. I appreciate what you are saying and I agree with what you have written.

There has been a strong industry bias during the process for too long. Thanks for listening to the other interest groups and including them more in the decision-making process.

Years ago, you may remember, there was a similar series of meetings regarding proposals by Ned Rozbiki to launch kayak tours from Lutak Inlet. The local community spoke up and the Assembly listened. Now, tour operators are not allowed to drive their vehicles beyond the bridge into the Lutak neighborhood.

My point is that that controversy is over and the community has moved on. We do not have annual meetings to discuss whether or not tour operators can drive over the Lutak bridge.

I would like to see the same thing with this helicopter issue. My concern is that having annual reviews brings this divisive issue to the forefront of the community consciousness every year. I would suggest that we work out these issues with the maps and the regs this year, have a review next year, and then have a three to five-year hiatus on map and regulation changes.

Could you please c/c this to the other Assembly members who are not listed above?

Thanks again.

Joe

On Wed, Jul 17, 2013 at 9:38 AM, Stephanie Scott <sscott@aptalaska.net> wrote:
Hi Joe,

I understand that you are interested in both of these proposed changes. I would love feedback! Both documents will be before the Assembly on Tuesday. I am recommending that both issues be referred to the Government Affairs and Services Committee where folks can truly engage and meaningfully debate the pros and cons of the changes.

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