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Comments: My wife Lois and I have operated Sound Paddler/Prince William Sound Kayak Center out of Whittier for the last 38 years. The "Wilderness Character" of the area within PWS needs to remain intact.

I really feel for PWS. With the influx of more powerboat use out of Whittier, it is a matter of time before demands of fuel marinas and services start dictating the character of the Sound. I would hope that conservation education would play a key role in grooming the newer user groups in how they treat PWS and the Chugach.

Even as kayakers who have enjoyed the Sound for the last few decades, we've come to learn that even though we are LOW IMPACT users, we still impact the area we visit. All users need to minimize their impact in this very fragile environment.