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Comments: Thank you. I am strongly against boats on the Mendenhall lake. The extra exhaust from motors adjacent to the glacier will only contribute to its warming and retreat. In addition to the exhaust, the oils and gas from boats will contribute to pollution of the lake.

As fast as the glacier is receding (in just the 50 years I have lived in Juneau ), we can't expect the glacier to be the same kind of tourist attraction even 30 years from now, and the boats on the lake will only accelerate that time frame.

"Human error" in design and maintenance of boats is always a factor, as is the possibility of an aluminum boat hitting an iceberg. Having visited the village of Little Diomed, where skin boats are far safer and location appropriate than the contemporary aluminum boats (which can be compromised by rock or ice), I have seen that skin boats can be repaired at sea while aluminum boats, and passengers, are vulnerable to damage.

Boats on the lake exponentially increase the danger of people near the unpredictable calving face, not to mention the danger of rescue in such a situation.

Do Not Allow private or commercial boats on Mendenhall lake.