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Comments: Hello,

I just finished a letter to the editor in the 1/21/2016 edition of the Alaska Dispatch newspaper from Marybeth Holleman. I live in Whittier and have a charter business here. Obviously, I travel throughout many areas of Prince William Sound on the water and enjoy many of the things she mentions in her article. I realize that reduced funding in the government has taken a toll on many fronts...dictating that agencies do more with less...but do want to emphasize that protecting the Sound and creating a 'sound' management plan for the area is critical. Prince William Sound is a unique resource and one that is easily accessible to the vast majority of Alaska's population centers. Although I believe Ms. Holleman's concerns are real, I also believe that some are somewhat overstated. That said, however, planning and managing the area with the concerns she raises in mind, will help ensure that this truly beautiful area will be viable and around for future generations to enjoy and appreciate.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment,

Capt. Dave Goldstein

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