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I have been an Alaska resident since 1966. I spent my career working for the Alaska Marine Highway (AMHS) running the sales and reservation office in Anchorage. In 1989, after the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill, AMHS was hit hard with cancellations from people who thought if they took the train to Whittier everything would be dead on the other side. Many cried. We had a vessel who served as lodging for the clean crews. I went on to become the president of the PWS Tourism Coalition to help people understand about the oil spill. I then went on to become the president of the Alaska Wilderness Recreation and Tourism coalition. AWRTA was a voice for small business all over the state including PWS making sure our resources stayed Pristine for our visitors. I then went on to become a board member for the Prince William Sound Regional Citizens Advisory Council which was formed after the Exxon Valdez to make sure this never happened again. I now serve as a citizen in the information and education committee for PWSRCAC. I love to seakayak in PWS and am deeply concerned