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Re: Illegal Cruise Ship Discharge in Chatham Straits

Dear Commissioner Hartig and Attorney General Colberg:

I am writing on behalf of the Campaign to Safeguard America's Waters (CSAW) and Responsible Cruising in Alaska (RCA). CSAW and RCA are organizations doing work in Alaska; both are vitally concerned with insuring that large passenger vessels do not foul the marine waters of Alaska and adhere to the legal requirements for large passenger vessel operations in our state.

Recent reports of significant dumping of "grey water" in the marine waters of the Alexander Archipelago by vessels operated by Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines appear to violate current Alaska laws pertaining to vessel operations. We request the State bring charges against the alleged violators pursuant to State law. This letter shall constitute the required 45 day notice that RCA and CSAW intend to pursue litigation for enforcement of these alleged violations as required and set out in AS 46.03.481.

Very truly yours,

Joseph W. Geldhof

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