

Excerpt from June 19 meeting notes:

Judy Ozment presents on the following:

- *Who owns or manages resources? (Resources and Environment)*
- *What control and planning tools have worked in other communities (in AK and elsewhere)? (Planning)*
- *Can we maintain local control over resource use and environment; what mechanisms are available to influence or control resource use and environment? What can we learn from other communities? Proactive vs. reactive responses? (Resources and Environment)*

[refer also to Judy's report – these are comments from her presentation]:

Re: ownership/management of natural resources – there are only two groups: public and private. Most of the land around here is public. Judy says ownership doesn't get to the gist of what people are wanting to know, so she's going to focus on management.

Natural resources – Sitka's area has multiple management areas – federal lands (broken up into Forest Service and Park Service) shorelines, and air space. Each one of these has their own set of rules/regs, own set of permits, and multiple layers to management.

Local non-profit Sitka Trail Works works with all agencies to get together on grants to maintain trails.

Sitka areas are used by visitors and locals. There are different rules/regs/fees depending on whether it's for commercial or noncommercial use.

A lot of times, many of the agencies that try to start a business, you'll have to go through different depts. to get permits. The local parks and rec don't currently charge fees, but they're looking at charging a fee for commercial use

Carrying capacity and future use is a concern; they're dealing with it on case by case basis and request basis, but the main job is to protect the natural resources.

Judy says the "control and planning tools" question veers into strategies when you ask about how other communities have worked through this. She says since we're not in the stage of creating strategies, she won't present on that, but she has found quite a bit of information on this and will bring it up at the proper time.

She says the topic of maintaining control of resources use is also a strategy. But in her opinion, it's easier to have influence and control at local level, with local planning and zoning boards – the first and best step for having influence on the development of resources.

Debriefing each topic individually:

- *Who owns or manages resources? (Resources and Environment)*

The key point is that knowing who owns is easy, determining who manages is more complex. Judy has lots more sources in the handouts.

SH: who owns/manages our air space?

A: public owns; managed through FAA. Landing space permitted through FAA, managed local.

Stakeholders agree they have enough information to close this topic.