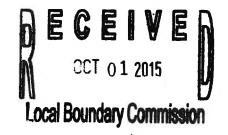
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RE: Comments In Support of Dillingham Annexation Petition

Dear Local Boundary Commission Staff:

I fully support the efforts of the City of Dillingham to annex the Nushagak Bay area commercial fishing waters. Salmon harvested in the Nushagak Commercial Fishing District should have been taxed long before this - it is a crime that revenue has been lost. Dillingham is the only "port" for Nushagak Bay during the summer commercial salmon fishery and Dillingham provides all of the services for the commercial fishing fleet and other aspects of the fishery.

The population of Dillingham doubles every summer during the fishery. City services and infrastructure are used by the people that come into the community during that time, many of them from out of state. They don't put any of the money they take from the fishery back into the community, it all goes out of state. I believe that the salmon resources of Bristol Bay belong to the residents of this region and should be used by them to maintain their livelihood, to live here in Bristol Bay.

One example of stress on the services in the Dillingham during the summer is the Dillingham City Library, it is packed with non-Dillingham residents trying to use the facility. They do not have enough room in the library to accommodate the number of people that come into the building. Additionally, the work load in the summer increases substantially for the Dillingham Police Department and the Dillingham Fire Department first responders. These are just a few of the examples I am aware of.

Dillingham is the hub community for the western area of the Bristol Bay region and people from surrounding communities use the services in Dillingham year around. It is disingenuous for claims to be made that the tax money that Dillingham will gain from annexation does not

benefit other communities. Everyone who comes into Dillingham will benefit if Dillingham's application is approved.

Please do not delay in APPROVING the Dillingham Annexation Petition. Thank you for the poportunity to comment on the petition.

Sincerely,

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