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Greetings,

I've just been on line, reading the Dillingham city petition regarding their desire to tax fishermen throughout the bay. I have been fishing the Ekuk beach with the Ball and Carr families for over 30 years. Sometimes my family have lived in Dillingham, sometimes Anchorage, sometimes outside. I personally have not lived in the Dillingham area, though I have occasionally been a permit holder.

While in understand that the city of Dillingham is desperately seeking new ways to fund their essential needs as a city, I do not think this particular method is appropriate. And while I am no expert at civil government, this effort to tax the entire bay simply because they need more money is disingenuous. The one analogy that makes me hold to this opinion is to imagine how I once lived in Southern California. I lived about thirty miles away from Los Angeles and so was not in their taxable range. But I used their airport. Imagine the city of Los Angeles trying to tax all those cities around them that use their airport (or even their boat harbor). Absurd!!! It is equally absurd for Dillingham to tax the whole damn bay simply because a few out of town people use and abuse their harbor, or the airport. If that is the problem, then tax the people using the harbor and add an airport tax, but to tax ALL fisherman is ridiculous. If it is to pass, you can be sure it will simply cost more money for everyone as it will surely get thrown into court for a long battle while the lawyers walk away with more money than they would have made anyway....Please, tell Dillingham city council to find a more responsible and specific way to garner income from those who use their services.