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Subject: Annexation by the City of Dillingham that will affect the Ekuk Fisheries.
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Hello Mr. Williams,

My wife and I grew up in an around the Dillingham area and have been fishing on the Ekuk beach and staired in the 1950's. We understand the community and call that home. My father is buried there along with many other family memebbers.

We want to go on record that we strongly oppose the annexation of our beach fishery on Ekuk beach. We do not use the facilities in Dillingham and are not supported by Dillingham. The City of Dillingham will do nothing for us in the future but take our money. Our supplies come from Seattle and are landed on the Dock Ekuk. Our product is loaded from the dock at Ekuk and Dillingham is not involved. In the last 4 years we have been getting our personal summer supplies from Dillingham to help support the local community. That will change if Dillingham is allowed to tax us.

Who is to say Dillingham will stop with the tax rate set and will then have the local authority to raise these taxes at one of their board meetings. Taxation without representation is why America revolted in the first place. It would be unjust and unfair to the fishermen on Ekuk Beach for someone else to dictate the taxes we are required to pay. The City of Dillingham is not the State of Alaska or the Federal with their long reaching arms of taxing everybody. Will Dillingham try to annex all of Bristol Bay next? Now that would involve Naknet, Egekik and other fisheries down the coast. Their line of reasoning might be that the fish that those other districts are catching were destined for the Wood River and the Nushagak River. This needs to stop now.

How would the City of Dillingham feel if Ekuk Village annexed the water out in front of our Village and taxed all supplies that were transported to Dillingham through our annexed waterway. That doesnt make sense either.

Again We strongly OPPOSE this takeover of waters that has not, nor ever should be the taxable property of the City of Dillingham.

Thank you for denying this annexation over reach.

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