From: Richard Madson
To: Commission, Boundary (CED sponsored); cityclerk@dillinghamak.us
Subject: City of Dillingham Annexation Petition of Nushagak Fishing District
Date: Thursday, February 25, 2016 3:49:01 PM

Gentlemen:

My name is Richard Madson. I and my family have fished on Ekuk Beach since 1960. We were residents of Dillingham for 13 years and Alaska residents for 36 years. I now reside in Milton-Freewater, Oregon, having moved south for family needs and to obtain Medical services.

I will continue to fish at Ekuk as long as I am able to do so.

I am opposed to this petition of the City of Dillingham on several considerations.

First:

My fishing operations are not dependent at all on the existence or support of the City of Dillingham. My food and supplies are shipped to Ekuk from the port of Seattle directly to the dock at Ekuk Fisheries. I do arrive and depart from the airport at Dillingham, and occasionally might purchase some negligible supplies from one of the Dillingham merchants. I do not use the Dillingham garbage facilities AT ALL. I do not use the Dillingham boat harbor AT ALL, and do not own a boat.

Second:

My reading of the application finds some problems with it. First is inflated cost. The inclusion of a piece of capital machinery all being charged off and included in costs as though it was an annual cost, when in fact the cost should be amortized over the many years of the expected life of the asset. This is not accurate accounting and results in inflated cost.

Third:

I did not find an accurate accounting for the present revenues collected by the City of Dillingham for the fees charged to handle the boats in and out of the boat harbor? Neither did the application present the annual revenue from the Dillingham personal property taxes contributed by the owners of the vessels using Dillingham as home port.

Fourth:

Many of the vessels fishing in Nushagak, could deliver fish, and do, to processors outside the district.

Fifth:

It is unfair for Dillingham to encompass the villages of both Ekuk and Clarks point, neither of which receive any garbage service from Dillingham,and are not reliant on Dillingham for the conduct of the fishery. It would preclude those communities in future, from having a tax source for their own needs.

In summary, it seems that the proposed action is simply an unconscionable, greedy grab for revenue. If the problem of the boat harbor and the garbage disposal is the result of the fishing activity, surely it is within the means of the City to impose fees and taxes that WOULD allow it to cover its costs

It seems to us that we should not be taxed for something we receive NO benefit from. Further, we were not given notice by the State of Alaska regarding this proposed boundary change, and feel it is not right that the action should be considered without notice to us. To hear about this via hearsay should not be the way the State of Alaska does its business.

This protest to the City of Dillinghams Proposed Petition to Annex Nushagak Fishing District is by the following fishers:

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Sincerely,

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