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RE: Written Comment for Manokotak Annexation and Dillingham Annexation Petitions

Honorable Commissioners,

Manokotak's Annexation Petition is more logical to the community of Manokotak who for ages past had their forefathers have long used Igushik Beach for summer subsistence purposes and since the inception of the commercial fishing industry, a majority of Manokotak residents have been given set net commercial fishing permits which they passed on to family.

Moreover, the community of Manokotak have traditional ties to Igushik Beach where some ancient villages resided until in mid-1940's they congregated in what is called Manokotak today. Nonetheless, Manokotak kept migrating to Igushik Beach for not only commercial fishing purposes, but for spring hunting, summer fishing and gathering, and fall hunting. Some have used Igushik has during winter for trapping and seal hunting.

I support Manokotak Annexation and urge LBC to approve it for the purposes state above.

Dillingham's Annexation Petition has a more 'dominating' logic to our community. We have been opposed to the first annexation petition Dillingham filed and we are more opposed to it this time. First, the Nushagak fishing district is used by not only Dillingham residents, but Manokotak, Clarks Point, Ekuk, Aleknagik, Portage Creek, Ekwok, New Stuyahok, and Koliganek.

While the commercial fishing industry does participate and make Dillingham the 'hub' port, many have lost their 'home port' when both Clarks Point and Ekuk ports were used no more.

It makes sense to a point that Dillingham should have annexation of the bay, but not all of the bay.

Nushagak District is subdivided into sections and each commercial fishing section in Nushagak Bay is clearly identified.

I oppose Dillingham Annexation and urge LBC not to approve it.

Sincerely,



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