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Local Boundary Commission:

I am writing as an Alaskan resident & Ekuk set netter for the last 37 years. I find it extremely difficult to understand how anyone is justifying a fish tax, especially to fund a city that won't even tax it's own residents???

Dillingham has had no interest or involvement in Ekuk or it's fisher people, ever. But now they want to use us to fund their city?? Any & all developments & improvements in Ekuk have been made by the people of Ekuk, with no help what so ever from Dillingham. Nor did it ever occur to ask for Dillingham's help.

Our barge comes in from Naknek, so we are not using the city dock, we are set netters so don't use your boat harbor, if & when we fly into your airport we pay the airport taxes. If & when we shop in your stores we pay your exorbitant prices & boost your local economy!

As for police coverage....I did call the Troopers once, who called back to say that they were sorry but they were based in Naknek & would have to send a policeman from Dillingham but they were too busy so, sorry it wasn't going to happen. So as you can see, Ekuk does not enjoy the services of the Dillingham police so why should we pay for them.

Seems to me that Dillingham would be thankful for the influx of money that the fishermen bring each summer. They most certainly boost sales at all the local businesses. If you need more money then tax more wisely. Tax your own residents, tax for usage, ask the local native association for assistance & write grants. Aren't grants written for just about everything.

Please, let's use common sense here. No fish tax, No Ekuk annexation!!!