

6/29/2016

Mayor Melvin Andrew
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LBC Staff
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Dear LBC Staff,

The City of Manokotak (City) respectfully disagrees with the conclusion in the Preliminary Report of LBC staff that the City has not met the standards for annexation, and intends to timely file its comments responding those misconceptions. We do not agree with the recommendation that the City's annexation should be denied so that a borough can be formed instead.

We continue to strongly support the annexation of Igushik Fish Camp and related waters for the City of Manokotak, whether a borough is to be formed later or not. We have been attempting to maintain our ancestral rights to keep Igushik managed through our tribe and municipal entities. The tribe has not been able to move forward with it, so the City has moved forward when we had the chance with it, as well as in attempts to oppose Dillingham's attempts to annex areas strongly related to Manokotak.

In response to Togiak Traditional Council's (TTC) comment dated June 22, 2016, the City of Manokotak currently does not support the borough formation as recommended by LBC Staff.

Sincerely,



Mayor Melvin Andrew
City of Manokotak