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Re: Petersburg Borough

Local Boundary Commission:

I am writing in support of the proposed Petersburg Borough. The residents of this area have a historic economic connection to this entire area, from the Stikine River to Holkham Inlet and Tracy Arm, both commercially and recreationally. These waters are included in the area designated as the Petersburg Management Area by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. The Petersburg based fishing fleet of 540 vessels and over 1200 commercial permits harvest salmon, shrimp, halibut, crab and other shellfish as well as herring roe throughout the area. In fact, Petersburg based fishermen comprise the majority of fishery of the area. For example, in 2009, 80.9% of the salmon landings for this area were by Petersburg residents, and over 70% of shellfish landings for this area were made by Petersburg permit holders.

As a long time resident and current mayor, I am not only interested in the historic use of the waters and land in the proposed Petersburg Borough; I am interested in the future growth of the economy and diversification of the streams of income for this community. The formation of the Petersburg Borough would add strength to the community in the process of decisions involving State and Federal lands. And finally, the formation of a Petersburg Borough as proposed would favor the best interests of the State demonstrating compliance with Article X, sec. 1 and sec. 3 of the Constitution of the State of Alaska.

Thank you for the opportunity to add my support of the proposed Petersburg Borough.

Sincerely,

Al Dwyer  
Mayor