I, Mike Irwin, Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Community and Regional Affairs, hereby certify that the following is a true and accurate description of the corporate boundaries of the City and Borough of Yakutat. The described boundaries include an estimated 2,878 square miles of land and 8,492 square miles of tidelands and submerged lands annexed to the City and Borough of Yakutat effective March 8, 1997.

The post-annexation corporate boundaries of the City and Borough of Yakutat are described as follows:

Beginning at the southern tip of Cape Suckling at North 59° 59' 24" Latitude and West 143° 53' 36" Longitude, the true point of beginning;

Thence due north to the ridge line of the Suckling Hills at North 60° 01' 27" Latitude, West 143° 53' 36" Longitude;

Thence northeasterly, along a straight line, to the Northwest corner of protracted T. 16 S., R. 13 E., Copper River Meridian;

Thence due east along the protracted township line separating T. 16 S. and T. 15 S., Copper River Meridian, to the northwest corner of T. 16 S. R. 21 E.;

Thence due south along the protracted township line separating R. 20 E. And R. 21 E., Copper River Meridian, to the southwest corner of T. 16 S., R. 21 E.;

Thence due east along the protracted township line separating T.16 S. and T.17 S.,

1 The jurisdictional limits of the City and Borough of Yakutat extend only to the jurisdictional limits of the State of Alaska pursuant to AS 44.03.010. The City and Borough of Yakutat estimated that only 321 square miles of the 8,492 square miles of tidelands and submerged lands in the annexed area lie within the State's three mile limit offshore.

2 The Local Boundary Commission approved the annexation of the estimated 2,878 square miles of land and 8,492 square miles of submerged lands and tidelands in question on December 19, 1996. Pursuant to Article X, § 12 of the Constitution of the State of Alaska, the Local Boundary Commission submitted a formal recommendation for the annexation of that area to the legislature on January 22, 1997. On February 27, 1997, the U.S. Justice Department precleared the annexation under the Federal Voting Rights Act (Justice Department file: DJ 166-012-3 97-0023). Evidence of the preclearance was provided to the Department of Community and Regional Affairs on March 3, 1997. The annexation took effect on March 8, 1997, 45 days after the submission of the Commission's recommendation to the legislature.
Copper River Meridian, to the northwest corner of T. 17 S., R. 25 E.;

Thence due south along the protracted township line separating R. 24 E. and R. 25 E., Copper River Meridian, to the southwest corner of T. 17 S., R. 24 E.;

Thence due east along the protracted township line separating T. 17 S. and T. 18 S., Copper River Meridian, to the International Boundary between the United States and Canada on the 141st Meridian;

Thence following, in a generally southeasterly direction, the International Boundary of the United States and Canada, to the Peak of Mt. Fairweather at the International Boundary of the United States and Canada, in T. 35 S., R. 47 E., Copper River Meridian;

Thence southwesterly in a straight line to Cape Fairweather, at North 58° 48' 30" Latitude, West 137° 56' 45" Longitude in T. 36 S., R. 45 E., Copper River Meridian;

Thence due west along a straight line to a point in the Gulf of Alaska at North 58° 48' 30" Latitude, West 143° 53' 36" Longitude.

Thence due north, to the Southern tip of Cape Suckling, the true point of beginning.

With respect to the boundaries of the City and Borough of Yakutat that extend into the Gulf of Alaska, notwithstanding the foregoing description, the corporate jurisdictional limits of the City and Borough of Yakutat extend only to the limits of the State of Alaska’s jurisdiction under AS 44.03.010.

Signed this 2nd day of April, 1997.

Mike Irwin, Commissioner
Department of Community and Regional Affairs

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

STATE OF ALASKA
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

This is to certify that on the 2nd day of April, 1997 before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public, duly commissioned and sworn as such, personally came Mike Irwin, to me known to be the Commissioner of the Department of Community and Regional Affairs, who signed the foregoing Certificate of Boundaries of the City and Borough of Yakutat.

Notary Public for the State of Alaska
My Commission expires: 3/04/2019

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