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We are opposed to the Xunaa proposed Borough annexation, for the same reasons many others have stated. We have property and a small business in Pelican. The City of Pelican, residents, other property owners have documented and chronological data supporting usage of proposed area of how it has been and is still being used for fishing, hunting, subsistence and recreational use. Pelican does not want to be included in this proposal. Hoonah has done well in the tourism industry, they may want to expand, if so, do not do it at the expense of other communities who do not want the same where they live. They prefer to grow at their own pace and in different ways that would directly benefit them. Hoonah claims to be a Hub location-for who? They do not have the necessary services and businesses needed to supply other Southeast communities like the Hub of Juneau does. Many Hoonah residents go to Juneau for shopping, medical, sports, jet service to name some of what a Hub really offers. When the LBC meets to study all the responses sent in, may they seriously and honestly consider how adversely this will affect smaller communities. Communities who are already set up as towns with infrastructure, businesses & taxes that support their needs. Hoonah is the only winner in this proposal-why is that? If they want to grow, do so without reducing or restricting what Pelican and other smaller towns already have worked for and enjoy. They do not want or need to further someone else's agenda. Please do what is right by our smaller communities-stop this now.

Thank you, Greg & Donica Jerue