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To Local Boundary Commission regarding the Xunaa Borough Proposal;

As a former local resident of Lisianski Inlet and current business owner buying a significant amount of fish processed in Pelican, I am opposed to the existing proposal by the City of Hoonah for Incorporation of the Xunaa Borough as a Home Rule Borough. The proposed Xunaa Borough is not in the best interests of people living and doing business in the west Chichagof and Yakobi Island areas.

There is no substantive current or historic relationship between the people and communities of the West Chichagof / Yakobi area and the City of Hoonah to serve as the basis for the boundaries of the proposed Borough. They are not linked by road system or commercial air service. Hoonah does not serve as a hub of economic activity or source of goods and services for the people of Lisianski Inlet, or Elfin Cove. There is no logical, economic, or historic reason to link them together under the auspices of a home rule borough.

For further and more detailed comments, I associate myself with the comments and official position submitted by the City of Pelican.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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