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I am a thirty-year property owner at Funter Bay, and I urge the Local Boundary Commission to approve incorporation of the Xunaa Borough. The community of cabin owners at Funter Bay does not need, want, expect, or require the full range of local government services, and the Xunaa Borough does not propose to provide them. However, I believe that having a local government framework for some minimal services may be valuable to those of us who own cabins there. For example, it is conceivable that in the future property owners might desire a zoning ordinance to prevent a development that is grossly incompatible with the existing recreational use of the Bay, or to seek the Borough to assume ownership of the public floats that are currently in the Bay which have been abandoned by the State of Alaska. But generally speaking, the Xunaa Borough will not tax property in Funter Bay and cabin owners there will be left alone. This is in contrast to annexation of Funter Bay by the City and Borough of Juneau, which would result in no municipal services but a tax on Funter property of about 8 mills. The long-standing desire of the CBJ to annex Funter Bay is purely predatory. Recreational activities at Funter Bay impose no financial burden on Juneau. Indeed, they are a source of valuable economic activity. We urge the Local Boundary Commission to approve the petition for incorporation of the Xunaa Borough with the boundaries proposed in the petition.