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I agree with you.

On Tue, Feb 20, 2024 at 12:41 PM Norm Carson <[nlcarson@att.net](mailto:nlcarson@att.net)> wrote:

Dear Commission Members:

While looking through the Hoonah Petition the proposed taxation policy caught my attention and is cause for more opposition to the approval of the Xunaa Borough. This objection is based upon the following:

- The Xunaa powers will include taxation, education, planning and zoning. The Xunaa Borough Charter states that the only tax to be assessed on an area wide basis is a 1% seasonal sales tax.

But:

- "Under AS 29.45.670, any future amendment to rate of this tax requires voter ratification. Any other change may be made by the borough assembly by ordinance."
- Assembly members will be elected by qualified residents of the Borough.
- Hoonah residents will out number residents of the outlying areas 931 to 49.
- Xunaa Borough will put a 1% seasonal sales tax on the commercial take of resources within the proposed boundaries. Commercial fishermen and Charter fishermen from Pelican catch fish within the proposed boundaries. Not only would the 1% tax be detrimental to Pelican residents, but that tax is subject to change by the Borough Assembly.

The tax policy of the proposed Borough is unfair to communities outside the boundaries and will have a negative effect on the budgets of those communities. I request this petition not be approved.

Sincerely:

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