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I've been a member of the Elfin Cove community since 1975. I'm a commercial troll captain out of the cove as are my husband, two sons and my daughter in law. We all oppose Hoonah taking over Elfin Cove. But I will speak for myself.

We have very little in common with Hoonah, very little communication, and no roads or reasonable transport between us. It is a 5 hour boat ride depending on weather, or a fabulously expensive flight to Juneau to then transfer fly to Hoonah.

Although in past years my husband Robert Bell and I kept our trollers In Hoonah during winters, that process became too difficult. 4 of our family boats tie up in Juneau for the winter. My boat stays in Elfin Cove. We have a fish buyer in Elfin Cove from Juneau (glacier seafoods), pelican buys fish, and buyers come from Sitka, so it's rare that we sell to Hoonah.

Likewise, very few Hoonah boats come through our town. A couple guys gather kelp on a nearby island in spring. A halibut boat may come by. An occasional Hoonah troller will stop through. However, I don't believe a single Hoonah fisherman is a member of the Cross Sound Fishermans cooperative CSMA, which owns and runs our local store, laundromat and showers for the local fishers and the community. Most Hoonah fishers are seiners and seine openings are elsewhere.

Hoonah has stories about ancestral use of the Inian Islands but haven't been part of Elfin Cove in the past century.

Elfin Cove goes to Juneau for most medical needs. Though when my son fell out of a treehouse during a storm it was the Pelican medic who came through a storm to sew his head together on a kitchen table by Aladdin lamp light. When we had a terrible fire in the cove 15 years ago, help came from Gustavus and pelican, not Hoonah.

We have done well with municipal services. We still have a schoolhouse though no school kids these years We have no roads. And we won't drive hours or spend a thousand dollars a person to share in Hoonah's services.

Hoonah wants to tax us, but I can't see we have anything to gain by letting them... Our community is in almost unanimous opposition to Hoonah snatching us. Please listen. Please do not let them take over our community.

And Please excuse my writing format. I'm composing on my phone.
Thank you,

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