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Comments re: Petition for forming Xunaa Borough

We would like to amend our Comment to the Commission on February 7, and clarify what we believe would be in the best interests of people in Funter Bay. As we stated, we have long owned a recreational cabin there and live there for substantial times each year.

In that letter we expressed our support for including Funter Bay in the proposed Xunaa Borough as “better than any urban borough that might try to include us,” and we believe that is still true. However, we feel that would be the second best solution for our area. We have since researched the purposes of the Unorganized Borough in which Funter Bay now resides, and we believe that Funter Bay’s current status would be best suited to the lifestyle, economic interests, and opportunities for self-government we described in our letter of February 7. We were encouraged to learn that there is currently legislation (HB 279) proposing that at least one of the five LBC Commissioners will come from the Unorganized Borough, thus assuring that areas like ours (which make up more than half of the state of Alaska) will have a voice in how our land and local government is organized.

This then is our amended Comment:

1. We encourage the Commission to seriously consider that the best solution for Funter Bay and its residents would be to remain in the Unorganized Borough;
2. If the Commission is determined to include us in a borough at this time, a rural borough like one the proposed by Xunaa would be most appropriate, though it carries the possibility that we could be taxed without being represented in Borough decisions or receiving any Borough services; and
3. Inclusion of our area in any present or future urban borough would be inappropriate and unjust.

Thank you for your efforts to acknowledge the needs and wishes of all the residents of our area, and for the opportunity to comment again.

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