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### **Local Boundary Commission Completes City of Dillingham's Petition Process with Commissioner Bell's Signature**

(Juneau, AK) – Commissioner Susan Bell of the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, signed the City of Dillingham's Amended Certificate of Boundaries, completing the Local Boundary Commission annexation process begun in 2010.

Dillingham, a first-class city in the unorganized borough, incorporated in 1963. In mid-2010, the City of Dillingham submitted a petition to the Local Boundary Commission to annex approximately 399 unpopulated square miles of submerged land and water, which includes the Nushagak Commercial Salmon District.

The City of Dillingham is the regional hub and provides a significant number of non-residents with the benefit of municipal services that directly assist them in their fishing businesses. The city sought to annex the Nushagak Commercial Salmon District as a means to equitably distribute the costs for operation and maintenance of public facilities supporting commercial fishing.

The fishery resources and the commercial fishing and seafood processing industries are the backbone of Dillingham's economy and integral to many residents' way of life. As the economic, transportation, and public service center for western Bristol Bay, Dillingham's annexation of this area will provide a financial resource that will be beneficial to the entire region.

The new boundary certificate for the city will be available on the Local Boundary Commission website, at the City of Dillingham City Hall, and the Bristol Bay Recording District office.

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