



**State of Alaska**

**Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development**

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## **Certificate of Boundaries of the Ketchikan Gateway Borough**

I, Emil Notti, Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, hereby certify that the following is a true and accurate description of the corporate boundaries of the Ketchikan Gateway Borough. The described boundaries include approximately 4,510 square acres annexed to the Ketchikan Gateway Borough effective May 19, 2008.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>The Local Boundary Commission approved annexation of the approximate 4,510 square miles in question on November 7, 2007, and issued its written decision on December 5, 2007. On January 23, 2008, under article X, section 12 of the Constitution of the State of Alaska, the Commission presented to the Second Session of the Twenty-fifth Alaska Legislature the Commission's recommendation for the annexation. The Second Session of the Twenty-fifth Alaska Legislature did not disapprove the Commission's recommendation by March 9, 2008, forty-five days after the Commission presented its recommendation to the Legislature. On May 19, 2008, the Commission received notification of compliance concerning the annexation with regard to 42 U.S.C. 1973(c) as outlined in a May 14, 2008, letter from Christopher Coates, Acting Chief, Voting Section of the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice (Justice Department file: DJ 166-012-3-2008-1730). Pursuant to 3 AAC 110.630, the annexation took effect May 19, 2008.

The post-annexation corporate boundaries of the Ketchikan Gateway Borough are described as follows:

Beginning east of the eastern shore of Prince of Wales Island to a point along the midline of Clarence Strait that is due west of the northwest section corner of Section 14, Township 72 South, Range 86 East. ( $55^{\circ}38'3''$ North,  $132^{\circ}16'32''$  West, NAD 27);

thence easterly to a point on the shore of Cleveland Peninsula designated as  $55^{\circ}38'5''$  North,  $132^{\circ}11'50''$  West (NAD 27), that lies within the southeast corner of Section 10, Township 72 South, Range 86 East;

thence along the aforementioned drainage boundary, along an unnamed ridge in a northeasterly direction that traverses through Sections 10, 11, 12, 1, Township 72, South, Range 86 East; and Sections 6, 5, 4, Township 72 South, Range 87 East;

thence northerly along a drainage boundary in Sections 33, 28, 21, 16, 15, 22, 23, 24, 25, Township 71 South, Range 87 East; Sections 30, 19, 20, 17, 18, 7, 6, Township 71 South, Range 88 East; Sections 31, 32, 29, 20, 21, 16, 17, 8, 5, 6, Township 70 South, Range 88 East; Section 31, Township 69 South, Range 88 East; Sections 36, 25, 24, Township 69 South, Range 87 East; and Sections 19, 18, 17, 8, Township 69 South, Range 88 East, to the intersection of the Ketchikan/Wrangell Ranger district boundaries;

thence northeasterly following the Ketchikan/Wrangell Ranger district boundaries to the Alaska/Canada border,

thence southeasterly and southwesterly following the Alaska/Canada border to the boundary dividing Misty Fjords National Monument and unrestricted Tongass National Forest lands;

thence southerly along the boundary dividing Misty Fjords National Monument and unrestricted Tongass National Forest lands to the Alaska/Canada border located within the Portland Canal;

thence southerly along the Alaska/Canada border located within Portland Canal through Tongass Passage where it meets the Exclusive Economic Zone Limit,

thence, westerly following the Exclusive Economic Zone Limit to a point south of the mid-point on a line between Scott Point (on Prince of Wales Island) and Cow Island at approximate Latitude  $54^{\circ} 58'$  North by Longitude  $131^{\circ} 49'$  West,

thence north to said mid-point, the point of origin, all with reference to the Copper River Meridian;



excluding therefrom, the area within the model borough boundaries of the Annette Island Reserve model borough, as that area is defined by 3 AAC 110.990(9).

The entire area located within the First Judicial District, State of Alaska.

NOTE: All latitude and longitude information has been scaled off from the USGS ALASKA MAP B, revised 1986. To facilitate the boundary description of the above model borough, area that is outside the jurisdiction of the State of Alaska was included. It is recognized, however, that the jurisdiction of organized boroughs, which are political subdivisions of the State of Alaska, can extend only to the jurisdictional limits of the State of Alaska as designated under AS 44.03.010.

Signed this 30<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2008.

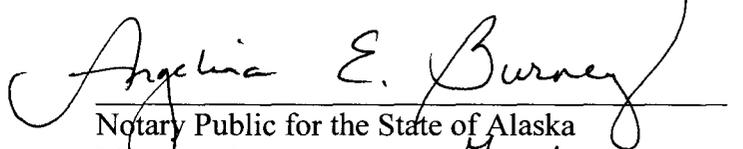
  
Emil Notti, Commissioner  
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**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

STATE OF ALASKA                    )  
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THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT        )

*Michael Black for Emil Notti*

This is to certify that on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2008, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public, duly commissioned and sworn as such, personally came ~~Emil Notti~~ to me known to be the Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, who signed the foregoing Certificate of Boundaries of the Ketchikan Gateway Borough.

  
Notary Public for the State of Alaska  
My commission expires: March 6, 2010

Record in the Ketchikan Recording District  
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