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RE: Joint Resolution concerning Dillingham, Annexation

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COMMENTS:

Please see attached Joint Resolution of the City of Aleknagik, Aleknagik Traditional Council, and the Aleknagik Natives Limited village corporation.

Should you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me at 842-5953.

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JOINT RESOLUTION
RESOLUTION 10-01

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCILS OF THE CITY OF ALEKNAGIK, ALEKNAGIK TRADITIONAL COUNCIL AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ALEKNAGIK NATIVES LIMITED TO OBJECT TO THE ANNEXATION PROPOSAL AND PROCEDURE SELECTED BY THE CITY OF DILLINGHAM FOR THE WOODRIVER AND NUSHAGAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHING DISTRICTS.

WHEREAS, Aleknagik Natives Limited, Aleknagik Traditional Council and the City of Aleknagik executed a Memorandum of Understanding on October 29, 2000 to recognize areas of mutual concern and support, and to establish a framework for cooperative relations and communication for the benefit of the community of Aleknagik as a whole and it is the desire of the three entities to cooperate concerning legal and political matters inherent in a private corporation to government to government relationship; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Boundary Commission has an annexation proposal pending before it submitted by the City of Dillingham dated June 14, 2010; and,

WHEREAS, in its petition the City of Dillingham is proposing to annex the waters of the Nushagak Commercial Salmon District and the Wood River Sockeye Salmon Special Harvest Area; and,

WHEREAS, approximately 22 residents of the village of Aleknagik hold commercial salmon gillnet fishing permits. These permits consist of approximately 6 set gillnet permits. The people fishing commercial set gillnets have sites in Ekuk and Igushik beach area of the Nushagak Commercial Salmon Fishing District. They stay approximately 2 months of the year there. These setnetters from Aleknagik do not use the harbor or other fish related facilities provided by Dillingham for their support during the fishing season. These residents of Aleknagik fish exclusively in the Nushagak Commercial Salmon Fishing District; and,

WHEREAS, the residents of the village of Aleknagik use Nushagak Bay and the Wood River for their spring and summer, and fall subsistence fishing activities. In the spring king salmon are fished near the lower mouth of the Wood River, and in the summer and fall months sockeye and coho salmon are harvested in the Wood River; and,

WHEREAS, there are approximately 15 drift gillnet permit holders residing in Aleknagik. The majority of these permit holders fish exclusively in the Nushagak Commercial Salmon Fishing District. These commercial drift gillnet vessels mainly deliver their catch to tenders anchored below Clark's Point. The boats from Aleknagik are infrequent users of the harbor facilities

of Dillingham during the fishing season and they already pay an annual harbor $260.00 usage fee to the City of Dillingham; whether they use the harbor in a specific commercial fishing year; and,

WHEREAS, the village of Aleknagik is connected to the fishing grounds in Nushagak Bay by the Wood River, which is navigable into the bay. Commercial salmon drift vessels are annually stored at a boat yard in the village of Aleknagik, which is owned by the City of Aleknagik and pay an annual boat storage fee. The Wood River is approximately 20 river miles from Dillingham and commercial drift gillnet vessel owners from Dillingham also utilize the City's boat storage yard.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

(1) The village of Aleknagik relies on the precedent established by the Local Boundary Commission in 1987 that Nushagak Bay is an area of regional importance, not an area subject to the influence of a single community in the Bristol Bay region. Aleknagik has real social and economic connections to Nushagak Bay for income and food for its residents.

(2) The village of Aleknagik opposes the annexation of the Nushagak Commercial Fishing District and the Wood River Sockeye Special Harvest Area to the City of Dillingham because the waters of the Nushagak Bay and Wood River are not part of the community of Dillingham, but rather they belong to all of the cities and villages of the Dillingham Census Area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Council members of Aleknagik Traditional Council, Council members of the City of Aleknagik, and Board of Directors of the Aleknagik Natives Limited objects to the annexation procedure selected by the City of Dillingham. If the petition is permitted to go beyond the Local Boundary Commission, approval of the petition should be subject to the legislative review process provided in the Alaska Constitution rather than by an election in the City of Dillingham. Under the local option method, none of the resident of the village of Aleknagik who are directly affected by the annexation petitioned for by Dillingham would have an opportunity to vote on the question of annexation.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a quorum of the Aleknagik Traditional Council, City of Aleknagik and Aleknagik Natives Limited on this 30th day of September, 2010.

SIGNED: Daniel Chythlook, President

Daniel Chythlook, President - Aleknagik Traditional Council

ATTEST: Sally Tinker

Sally Tinker, Secretary - Aleknagik Traditional Council

SIGNED: Berna Andrews, Mayor

Berna Andrews, Mayor - City of Aleknagik

ATTEST:

Joel Alstrom, City Clerk - City of Aleknagik

SIGNED: Bobby Andrew

Bobby Andrew, President - Aleknagik Natives Limited

ATTEST: Dona Inkie, Treasurer

Dona Andrew-Inkie, Secretary - Aleknagik Natives Limited