

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS – CITY OF DILLINGHAM’S PETITION TO ANNEX THE NUSHAGAK COMMERCIAL SALMON DISTRICT WATERS AND WOOD RIVER SOCKEYE SALMON SPECIAL HARVEST AREA WATERS

On June 14, 2010, the City of Dillingham filed a petition with the [State of Alaska Local Boundary Commission](#) (LBC) to annex, via the Local Option (voter approval method), the Nushagak Commercial Salmon District waters and Wood River Sockeye Salmon Special Harvest area waters, together consisting of approximately 396 square miles of water and 3 square miles of land (small islands).

Dillingham's proposed annexation of the waters in the Nushagak fishing district was not a radical idea. It reflected the role Dillingham played as the regional hub, providing the majority of services to the commercial fishing district.

Dillingham was proposing a 2.5% local raw fish severance or sales tax. It would be levied within Nushagak Bay, either on where the fish was sold or where it was taken out of the water. (Both propositions passed at a Special Election held April 10, 2012.)

In the LBC's decisional meeting of April 26 -27, 2011, the LBC conditionally approved Dillingham's local option annexation petition. The condition placed on the City was to file a report by November 15 (later changed to November 30) which showed the City had attempted to meet with the cities of Aleknagik, Clark's Point, New Stuyahok, Ekwok, and Manokotak, and New Koliganek Village Council and Native Village of Ekuk regarding post-annexation financial matters affecting them due to the annexation.

October 13, 2011, the LBC approved respondent Native Village of Ekuk's reconsideration request that the decision would be considered final only after the condition was satisfied.

November 15, 2011, the City of Dillingham filed its 83-page [Consultation Report on Post Annexation Financial Matters](#).

December 14, 2011 meeting of the LBC, the LBC voted in favor of the City of Dillingham's petition to annex by a vote of 4 to 1. LBC staff found that the City had met both the letter and spirit of the condition.

January 20, 2012 COD submitted a request with the Attorney General for a preclearance review of the City's April 10, 2012 Special Election to approve annexing commercial fishing waters and ratify an ordinance establishing a tax on sales of raw fish.

April 10, 2012 Special Election resulted in the passage of two propositions. Proposition 1 approved the annexation of commercial fishing waters to the Dillingham area. Proposition 2 approved a 2.5% tax on sales of raw fish made within the City boundaries. The Official Tally Report from the Canvassing Committee was certified Thursday night, April 19, by the Dillingham City Council. Passage of Proposition 1 and 2 will provide critical funding to support the fishing industry, fire and public safety, water and sewer, landfill, harbor and dock, streets, and library and schools.

On March 27, 2014 a Court Judge ruling on Native Village of Ekuk vs. Local Boundary Commission and City of Dillingham ordered the Local Boundary Commission to process the annexation through the legislative review method. The city prepared a petition, and circulated

copies to the neighboring communities and set a date of September 24, 2014 for a public hearing. You can download a [summary of the petition](#), [Supplemental Notice of a Pre-Submission Hearing](#), and the [draft petition](#).

September 24, 2014 at 6 PM, in the Council Chambers, the City held a public hearing at a [Special Council Meeting](#) to present the draft petition to annex.

September 26, 2014, Dillingham representatives met at the Manokotak city hall for an [informational meeting](#).

October 16, 2014, City Council held a [workshop](#) on annexation, followed by a [Special Council Meeting](#). The Council moved to postpone action until November 4, on a resolution approving submitting a petition to the LBC to annex the Nushagak commercial fishing waters.

November 6, 2014, City Council voted to again postpone action on the resolution and bring it back to the January 15, 2015 Regular Council meeting. In the meantime, the Council moved to have management work with Bristol Bay Native Association to advance their proposal for a borough study.

January 15, 2015, City Council approved by a vote of 4 to 2 to file a petition with the State of Alaska Local Boundary Commission to annex, via the legislative review method, the Nushagak Commercial Salmon District Waters and Wood River Sockeye Salmon Special Harvest area waters. A task force has been set up to look into borough feasibility. Communities in the Dillingham Census Area will be consulted about their interest.

January 22, 2015, hand-delivered a copy of the Petition to Annex. LBC staff will have 45 days to complete their technical review unless extended by the Commission.

April 3, 2015, City is notified by LBC staff that the technical review has been completed, and requests the City address some “deficiencies in the form and content of the petition and supporting materials”.

May 5, 2015, City hand-delivers a 345-page document with revisions to the petition.