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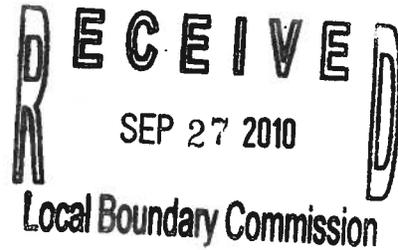
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**CITY OF NEW STUYAHOK
RESOLUTION 9-15.**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NEW STUYAHOK AND COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE PETITION TO OBJECT THE ANNEXATION PROCEDURE TO GO BEYOND THE LOCAL BOUNDARY COMMISSION.

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

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.

WHEREAS, the City of New Stuyahok is located on the left bank of the Nushagak River lies 52 miles northeast of Dillingham, the community lies approximately 59.452780 degrees North Latitude and -157.31194 degrees West Longitude (Sec. 29, T008S, R047W, Seward Meridian, New Stuyahok is State and Federally recognized which is governed by New Stuyahok City Council and New Stuyahok Traditional Council.

WHEREAS, 28 residents of the City of New Stuyahok hold commercial fishing permits. These permits consist of 3 set net permits and 25 drift permits. The people fishing set net sites fish (Nushagak, Ekuk, Igushik areas of the Nushagak Commercial Salmon District. They stay approximately 3 months of the year there. These set netters from New Stuyahok do not use the harbor or other fishing related facilities provided by Dillingham for their support during the fishing season with exception of the preseason fishing preparation. These residents of New Stuyahok fish exclusively in the Nushagak Commercial Salmon District.

WHEREAS, the residents of the City of New Stuyahok use Nushagak Bay and the Wood River for subsistence activities. Specific activities included; subsistence hunting for geese, beluga, seals, king salmon, other fish species

WHEREAS, there are approximately 25 drift permit holders residing in New Stuyahok. The majority of these permit holders fish exclusively in the Nushagak Commercial Salmon District. These vessels harbor in Queen Slough, outside of Clarks Point and Ekuk. These drift boats deliver predominately to the Peter Pan Seafood and Snow Pac Seafoods that are anchored at Clarks Point. The Commercial Fishing Boats from New Stuyahok are infrequent users of the harbor facilities of Dillingham during the fishing season.

WHEREAS, the City of New Stuyahok is connected to the fishing grounds in Nushagak Bay by the Nushagak River. The Nushagak River is navigable to New Stuyahok by, Barges, Commercial Fishing Boats and other boats are stored in the City of New Stuyahok Boat Storage area, The City of New Stuyahok does have boats launched out and in using City owned boat trailer and Dozer. Residents travel to the bay using commercial boats, skiffs and airplanes during the spring, summer and fall.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- (1) The City of New Stuyahok 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. New Stuyahok has real social and economic connections to Nushagak Bay for income and food for its residents.

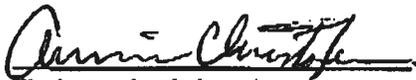
(2) The City of New Stuyahok opposes the annexation of the Nushagak Commercial Salmon District and the Wood River Sockeye Special Harvest Area to the City of Dillingham because the waters of Nushagak Bay and Wood River are not part of the community of Dillingham, but rather they belong to all of the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

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, City of New Stuyahok 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 residents of the City of New Stuyahok who are directly affected by the annexation petitioned for by Dillingham would have an opportunity to vote on the question on annexation.

PASSED AND APPROVED, by a duly constituted quorum of the New Stuyahok City Council this 24 day of September, 2010.

SIGNED BY:


Mayor- Randal A. Hastings


Clerk- Annie Christopher