

## DLG City Clerk

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**Subject:** Letter to the City Council of Dillingham

Dear Mayor, Acting Manager, Council Members

This letter is long overdue.

Once again, another Council meeting and news story relays the difficult financial situation the City is in. Once again, the School District is requesting additional allocation from the City. Still the City has numerous capital project needs that can't be paid for. Still the City has numerous vacancies and can't afford to increase the pay scale to attract candidates.

For the last 5 years the Nushagak Fishing District has seen record harvest and the forecast for the near future looks promising. And the City sees no revenue from this resource, but only realizes more burden on our facilities. In fact, we have to subsidize maintaining the harbor for the fleet - because we have such low harbor use fees.

We last had a voted to annex Nushagak Bay into the City of Dillingham and impose a 2.5% raw fish tax in 2010-11.

TWELVE YEARS AGO.

It was approved by the LBC - and then they reversed their decision - for an unknown reason.

We have missed out on years of record sockeye salmon runs - and continue to push the budget burden on the residents through property and sales tax.

I do not know what the best approach is, but it will likely require some expense and effort to pursue the effort to annex the District, or push for a legislative action.

But whatever it takes - the benefits will outweigh the cost.

Please discuss this issue and share your decision and rationale.

Sincerely  
Mark Lisac