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Panel Returns Study

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The State Boundary Commission yesterday remanded a report on the incorporation of the Chugiak-Eagle River Borough back to the Department of Community and Regional Affairs for "additional information."

The commission took the action at an informal meeting to review the petition for incorporation of the Chugiak Eagle River area.

Included in the information the commission requested was the historical background on the Eagle River incorporation issue, a profile describing the service areas and financial background of the vicinity and copies of the Chugiak-Eagle River Comprehensive Plan.

Commission chairman Sig Strandberg said the commission was "reluctant" to take the remanding action "because we want to

proceed with the hearings, but we've got to do it."

"We've got to have that information," he said. "We want to make sure that information presented to the public is absolutely verifiable."

Formal public hearings on the proposed incorporation are scheduled for Nov. 1 at 10 a.m. at Chugiak High School.

The commission will consider both public input and information from the Department of Community and Regional Affairs report before making a decision on the issue.

If the commission decides in favor of the Chugiak-Eagle River incorporation, it has the discretionary power to decide if an election on the matter is necessary.

If incorporation is approved, the matter will go to the state legislature for review.