

Local Boundary Commission

4/28/06

I want to go on record opposing the annexation petition filed by the Ketchikan Gateway Borough.
I am a landowner in Meyers Chuck, and have been a part-time resident for 34 years.

My objections are as follows:

1) There are inaccuracies in the petition, many of which are detailed in brief filed by Peter Caffall-Davis. Another example is the referral to Meyers Chuck's winter population being as low as 1 person. The community did have one 24 hour period during the winter of 2004-2005 ~~where~~ where there was one person, but even that winter, the population generally was 6-8, and this year has grown significantly in year-round residents.

2) The KGB has to date not demonstrated that it understands well or pays enough attention to our needs and requests. For example, during the scoping meetings, we told them that we wanted NO services should the annexation petition be successful. They went ahead and included area-wide library services and it's associated additional mill rate even when we expressly asked this not be included.

3) Meyers Chuck is ~~currently in~~ has worked for the last year with Wrangell, and supports unananimously their alternative borough formation petition. While I would prefer to not be in any borough, the City of Wrangell's proposal is a much better fit for our small community. There is ideological ideological a much closer vision e.g. no services, minimal taxation between Wrangell and Meyers Chuck. There is increasing community and economic exchange between the 2 communities, and the proximity in terms of protected waters for boat travel is much better.

I urge you to reject this current KGB petition, and to allow the model boundary lines to be re-drawn to ~~the~~ to the D.