

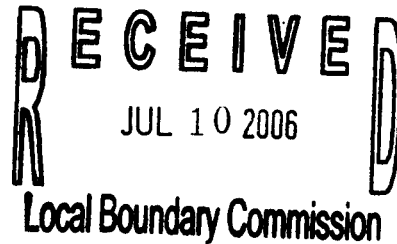
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Date: July 10, 2006

To: Local Boundary Commission

From: Megers Chuck / Union Bay

Written Comments: Petition of Incorporation
of the City & Borough of Wrangell



July 8th, 2006

To the Local Boundary Commission
regarding the proposed annexation
of the communities of Union Bay and
Meyers Chuck into the Wrangell Borough.

Having previously submitted written
comments to the Local Boundary Commission
of the Ketchikan Borough annexation proposal
of Union Bay and Meyers Chuck, I would
stress again that our first choice is to
remain in an unorganized borough as
stated in the Alaska Constitution. However,
if we are forced to choose between the
Ketchikan Borough and a Wrangell Borough,
the Wrangell Borough makes more sense
on a social, economic, geographic and
cultural note.

We have historically shared the same
geographic areas as the Wrangell
Community for hunting and fishing.

My husband and I have lived in the
remote area of Union Bay for 19 years.
We fish in Union Bay and Ernest Sound
for halibut, shrimp and salmon.

The very logistics of using our small
boats and skiffs to go to Wrangell from
Union Bay and Meyers Chuck for fuel & supplies
is geographically safer because of protected
waters the entire way, rather than the
unprotected open waters of Clarence Strait

to get to Ketchikan.

My husband and I have used the Wrangell boat shop for our boat maintenance in the past. We use the facilities in Wrangell for fuel and propane.

The lifestyle of the community of Wrangell has more in common with the residents of Union Bay and Meyers Chuck than Ketchikan.

We live with a remote lifestyle and we feel that the Wrangell Borough would respect that we would want to remain as close as possible to how we live today.

The Wrangell Borough would better reflect our decision making at a local level.

To me, this is the most important factor - that our communities of Union Bay and Meyers Chuck are given as much latitude as possible at our local level to decide our future. The Wrangell petition would accomplish this.

We are a united voice in the communities of Union Bay and Meyers Chuck.
Please listen.

Most sincerely,
Debbie Johnson