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Hi Jed,

To those questions, I’d like to add the following:

1. Can the Xunaa borough boundary extend out to sea beyond the State of Alaska’s 3 mile limit boundary? Would they have any authority outside the State boundary to tax fish catch or tourism operations? What about outside the US 12 mile limit? I realize that Yakutat drew its boundary offshore outside the state. Was it an error by the LBC at the time to allow that? Do they exercise authority outside the state?
2. Can the borough tax commercial fish caught in waters within their borough boundary regardless of whether the fish are landed at a port within the borough?
3. If the Xunaa borough boundary was not allowed to extend across Icy Strait, would that be an opportunity to exclude Elfin Cove from the borough as its residents apparently wish?
4. What obligation does a borough have to provide borough services across the full area of the borough? My understanding has been that Hoonah doesn’t intend to offer services outside the Hoonah townsite.

Thanks—I look forward to the discussion with you.

With kind regards, Mike Taylor, MS

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Hi Jed,

I’m afraid this doesn’t give you much advance notice but I wanted to send you a list of the questions we’ve been receiving to give you a heads’ up. We look forward to joining you tomorrow.

Shelley

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