The residents of Pirate Cove are protesting the proposed annexation of our community. As one of the largest land owners effected by this proposal, we see no advantage to this. No power, water, sewer, ect. will come Pirate Cove way, any revenue made here could be taxed, taking away monies that could be used for our own utilities.

Though it may start as only a raw fish tax, it opens the door for property taxes, sales tax, and a whole list of other possibilities if we were to be included - with little or no services from Sand Point rendered.

The whole of Popof island except Pirate Cove was included into the City limits years ago and Pirate Cove was excluded then as the City did not want to supply any utilities and in fact tried to cut off access overland to the property. Now they are stating the whole island is a recreational area. We were vandalized in the 90s by relatives of people on the city council, yet when we brought the Chief of Police over to investigate he was reprimanded and the results buried.

I am opposed to this Annex of Pirate Cove for these reasons and demand to be excluded. We would receive no benefits, yet would be put under the aegis of a body that, in the past, has demonstrated indifference to our community.

Please note, Pirate Cove was a settled area long before Sand Point. It began as a hunting camp & codfishing station in 1876.

Once again, we vehemently oppose this annexation.

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