

August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Alaska Redistricting Board  
P.O. Box 240147  
Anchorage, Alaska 99503  
ATTENTION: John Binkley, Chair

Reference: Joint Letter Hooper Bay for Bethel Region in 2021

Dear Mr. Binkley, and the Ak Redistricting Board,

This is a joint community letter of Hooper Bay: City, Native Village, and Sea Lion Corporation (Alaska Native village corporation) supporting that Hooper Bay be part of the Bethel region in 2021 Redistricting.

Bethel is main hub for Y-K Delta villages like Hooper Bay, therefore much of its commerce, health, employment, social and other dealings are within this geographic region.

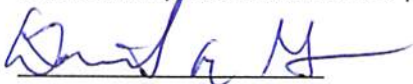
Much of Hooper Bay's funding for health, housing, social services and programs are usually lumped together with other villages served by Bethel-based businesses and organizations (AVCP, YKHC, AVCP Regional Housing, Community Development Quota- CVRF, etc.)

Commercial airlines that bring passengers and freight are nearly 100% from Bethel and USPO mail and other packages delivery services to Hooper Bay are funneled through Bethel.

From Bethel, the political, semi-political groups, and state & federal agencies and their already affect Hooper Bay (e.g., AVCP Convention, YKHC Tribal Gathering, Y-K Regional Subsistence Board, ADFG, USFWS, etc.)

The Kusilvak Census district is considered part of and always counted with or aligned with the Y-K Delta and least common with Seward Peninsula region, therefore Hooper Bay considers itself as part of the Y-K Delta.


This is an important issue of the people of this region, please consider our concerns.



David Green, Mayor



Eric Olson, Sr. Village Chief



Bosco Olson, Sr. Sea Lion Corporation Chair