



# ***Community Survey Responses***

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# Introduction and Methodology

## Introduction

The Bristol Bay Native Association (BBNA) contracted with McDowell Group to conduct a community survey in the Dillingham Census Area in December 2016 as part of the “Regional Government Study with Tribes” project. The purpose of the survey was for residents to provide feedback on public schools and other community services, and to weigh in on issues surrounding forms of regional government, funding options, and financial feasibility. The survey instrument was developed with input from the Regional Government Study with Tribes Task Force, which consists of representatives throughout the Dillingham Census Area.

## Methodology

A survey was mailed out to all post office box holders in the region, totaling 1,724. The survey was sent November 29, 2016 and the original close date was December 16. The closing date was extended to December 23 to allow remote box holders additional time to respond. Press releases were emailed to KDLG when the survey was launched and when the deadline was extended.

In total, 227 surveys were returned with a postage-paid return envelope; the response rate was 13 percent. There were no responses received from Ekuk, Portage Creek, or Twin Hills.

**Survey Responses and Populations by Community**

	Survey Count	% of Total Surveys	Population	% of Population
Dillingham	146	64%	2,386	48%
Togiak	30	13%	888	18%
New Stuyahok	8	4%	503	10%
Manokotak	15	7%	482	10%
Aleknagik	10	4%	246	5%
Koliganek	4	2%	227	5%
Ekwok	6	3%	110	2%
Twin Hills	0	0%	83	2%
Clark's Point	1	0%	52	1%
Ekuk	0	0%	2	0%
Portage Creek	0	0%	1	0%

Note: Seven of the responses did not indicate a community.

Source: Population estimates are from the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

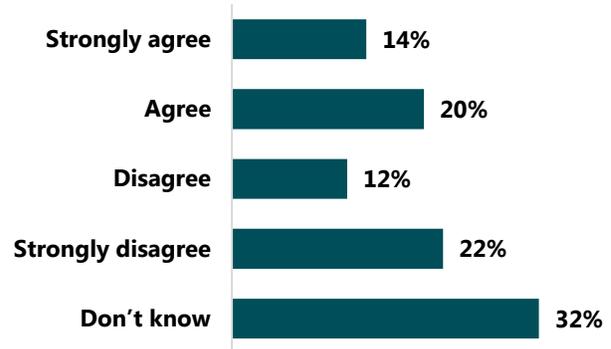
The survey results were weighted by the population of each community to provide more accurate representation by community. Responses were analyzed collectively as a region and key results are presented in the following summary. Notable differences between subgroups are presented in the survey summary.

Caution should be used interpreting results with very small sample sizes. Some percentages in the tables will not add up to 100 percent due to rounding.

## Borough Formation

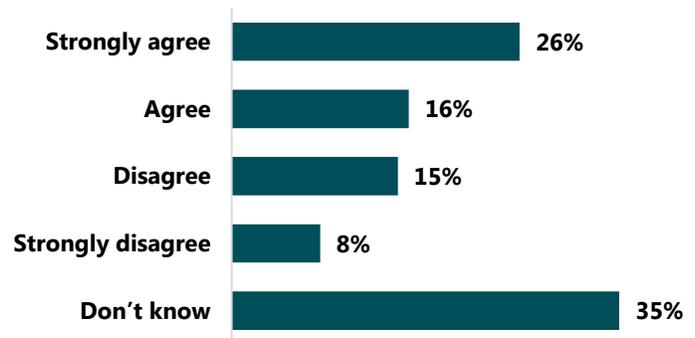
- When asked if the Dillingham Census Area (DCA) should form a borough, community members were equally divided between agreeing, disagreeing, and not knowing (34, 34, and 32 percent, respectively).
  - Dillingham residents were more likely to support borough formation in comparison to communities outside of Dillingham (46 and 22 percent, respectively).
  - Households with higher household income (over \$50,000) supported borough formation over lower-income households (47 and 25 percent, respectively).
  - Residents that had lived in DCA for 6 to 10 years were more likely to support borough formation in comparison to residents who had lived in the area 11 or more years (79 and 31 percent, respectively).

**Should the Dillingham Census Area form a borough?**



- When asked if DCA should remain unincorporated, 42 percent agreed, 35 percent didn't know, 23 percent disagreed.

**Should Dillingham Census Area remain unincorporated, as it is now?**



- Men were more likely to agree in comparison to women (55 and 33 percent, respectively).
- Those employed by government were more likely to agree (47 percent) that DCA should remain unincorporated.
- Residents that had lived in DCA for 11 or more years felt the DCA should remain unincorporated, in comparison to residents that had lived in DCA for under 5 years (45 and 28 percent, respectively).

## Community Services

- Satisfaction of community services varied by category and health services, including Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and community health clinics, were the highest rated (80 and 79 percent, respectively).
- Public schools had the next highest rating, with 77 percent of respondents rating them as good.
- While law enforcement in the DCA was considered good by over half (52 percent) of respondents, Dillingham residents were more likely to rate law enforcement services higher in comparison to all other communities combined (71 and 33 percent, respectively). Similarly, 86 percent of Dillingham residents thought that fire protection services were good in comparison to 30 percent in all other communities.
- The community services categories that were most frequently described as poor or very poor were roads and recycling services (48 and 45 percent, respectively).

## Financing New or Improved Services

- Respondents were asked if they would be willing to pay more taxes for additional services and rated the following as the most important services: street and road improvements (44 percent), public schools (42 percent), fire protection (42 percent), and EMS (41 percent).
- Respondents were less willing to pay more in taxes to receive new or improved public transit (30 percent) or land planning (27 percent).
- Dillingham residents were more likely to indicate they would pay more for services overall than residents in the rest of the Dillingham Census Area. The greatest contrast between Dillingham and other communities was for public schools, where 61 percent of Dillingham residents were willing to pay more, in comparison to 23 percent in other communities.
- Respondents that did not identify themselves as Alaska Native, female respondents, and those households earning more than \$50,000 were identified as willing to pay more for overall new or improved services.

## Taxation

- Community members were asked about potential methods of financing public schools and other services in the region through taxes. Nearly half (49 percent) supported a commercial fish tax in the region, followed by a sales tax (47 percent), bed tax (44 percent), and property tax (30 percent).
  - Those that supported borough formation were more likely to support additional taxation, with commercial fish tax receiving the highest support (75 percent).
  - Those who spent 6 to 10 years in DCA were more likely to support a bed tax (79 percent), in comparison to those who had resided in DCA for 11 or more years (45 percent).

- Property taxes received the least amount of support, with nearly half (49 percent) of respondents disagreeing.

## **Government Effectiveness**

- Nearly half (49 percent) said city government was good or very good in meeting community needs effectively.
- Village/Tribal council, at 11 percent, received the most very good ratings and was tied second-highest with federal government in overall ratings (42 percent rated it good or very good).
- Village/Tribal council was also described as the least effective, with 43 percent rating it as poor or very poor.

## **Demographics**

- The weighted survey responses reflected key demographic characteristics for the DCA region.<sup>1</sup>
  - Over three-quarters (76 percent) of respondents identified themselves as Alaska Native, slightly higher than the DCA population estimate of 73 percent.
  - When asked about employment, 59 percent were employed, in comparison to the employment rate of 64 percent in the DCA region.
  - The average household income reported was \$46,900, in comparison to the region's median household income of \$54,150.

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<sup>1</sup> Comparison metrics are from the Alaska Department of Commerce and Economic Development Community Database.

# Community Survey Results

## Community Services

Do you think that each of the following services in your community is very good, good, poor, or very poor?

% of Total	All communities	Aleknagik	Clark's Point	Dillingham	
<b>Public schools</b>	<b>n=223</b>	<b>n=10</b>	<b>n=1</b>	<b>n=145</b>	
Very good	22	30	-	9	
Good	55	-	-	62	
Poor	11	6	-	18	
Very poor	4	50	-	2	
Don't know/Not available	8	10	100	9	
<b>Law enforcement</b>	<b>n=221</b>	<b>n=10</b>	<b>n=1</b>	<b>n=144</b>	
Very good	8	10	-	4	
Good	44	20	-	67	
Poor	23	20	-	17	
Very poor	12	20	-	9	
Don't know/Not available	13	30	100	3	
<b>Fire protection</b>	<b>n=221</b>	<b>n=10</b>	<b>n=1</b>	<b>n=144</b>	
Very good	15	-	-	26	
Good	43	20	100	60	
Poor	10	40	-	3	
Very poor	15	30	-	2	
Don't know/Not available	17	10	-	9	
	Ekwok	Koliganek	Manokotak	New Stuyahok	Togiak
<b>Public schools</b>	<b>n=5</b>	<b>n=4</b>	<b>n=15</b>	<b>n=8</b>	<b>n=29</b>
Very good	40	75	53	38	14
Good	20	25	47	63	52
Poor	-	-	-	-	14
Very poor	-	-	-	-	14
Don't know/Not available	40	-	-	-	7
<b>Law enforcement</b>	<b>n=5</b>	<b>n=4</b>	<b>n=15</b>	<b>n=8</b>	<b>n=28</b>
Very good	20	50	13	-	7
Good	20	25	-	25	36
Poor	40	25	33	38	29
Very poor	-	-	13	25	14
Don't know/Not available	20	-	40	13	14
<b>Fire protection</b>	<b>n=5</b>	<b>n=4</b>	<b>n=14</b>	<b>n=8</b>	<b>n=29</b>
Very good	-	-	7	-	7
Good	20	25	29	25	24
Poor	-	25	21	13	10
Very poor	40	25	14	25	38
Don't know/Not available	40	25	29	38	21

**Do you think that each of the following services in your community is very good, good, poor, or very poor?**

<b>% of Total</b>	<b>All communities</b>	<b>Aleknagik</b>	<b>Clark's Point</b>	<b>Dillingham</b>	
<b>Emergency Medical Services (EMS)</b>	<b>n=222</b>	<b>n=10</b>	<b>n=1</b>	<b>n=146</b>	
Very good	30	-	-	33	
Good	50	40	100	56	
Poor	8	40	-	4	
Very poor	3	20	-	1	
Don't know/Not available	9	-	-	5	
<b>Health clinic</b>	<b>n=222</b>	<b>n=10</b>	<b>n=1</b>	<b>n=144</b>	
Very good	30	10	100	19	
Good	49	70	-	54	
Poor	11	-	-	13	
Very poor	4	20	-	5	
Don't know/Not available	6	-	-	9	
<b>Roads</b>	<b>n=225</b>	<b>n=10</b>	<b>n=1</b>	<b>n=147</b>	
Very good	5	20	-	4	
Good	45	30	-	55	
Poor	30	30	100	31	
Very poor	18	10	-	8	
Don't know/Not available	2	10	-	2	
	<b>Ekwok</b>	<b>Koliganek</b>	<b>Manokotak</b>	<b>New Stuyahok</b>	<b>Togiak</b>
<b>Emergency Medical Services (EMS)</b>	<b>n=4</b>	<b>n=4</b>	<b>n=14</b>	<b>n=8</b>	<b>n=29</b>
Very good	25	50	36	25	28
Good	50	50	50	50	34
Poor	-	-	7	-	17
Very poor	-	-	-	-	7
Don't know/Not available	25	-	7	25	14
<b>Health clinic</b>	<b>n=5</b>	<b>n=4</b>	<b>n=15</b>	<b>n=8</b>	<b>n=29</b>
Very good	40	50	67	50	24
Good	60	50	33	50	41
Poor	-	-	-	-	24
Very poor	-	-	-	-	3
Don't know/Not available	-	-	-	-	7
<b>Roads</b>	<b>n=5</b>	<b>n=4</b>	<b>n=15</b>	<b>n=8</b>	<b>n=29</b>
Very good	20	25	7	-	-
Good	80	50	47	25	28
Poor	-	-	33	50	21
Very poor	-	25	13	25	48
Don't know/Not available	-	-	-	-	3

**Do you think that each of the following services in your community is very good, good, poor, or very poor?**

<b>% of Total</b>	<b>All communities</b>	<b>Aleknagik</b>	<b>Clark's Point</b>	<b>Dillingham</b>	
<b>Parks and recreation</b>	<b>n=221</b>	<b>n=10</b>	<b>n=1</b>	<b>n=145</b>	
Very good	3	-	-	3	
Good	18	30	-	21	
Poor	26	20	-	33	
Very poor	17	30	-	19	
Don't know/Not available	36	20	100	23	
<b>Library</b>	<b>n=224</b>	<b>n=10</b>	<b>n=1</b>	<b>n=147</b>	
Very good	13	-	-	17	
Good	57	30	-	68	
Poor	8	10	-	9	
Very poor	2	-	-	1	
Don't know/Not available	20	60	100	5	
<b>Landfill/waste disposal</b>	<b>n=223</b>	<b>n=10</b>	<b>n=1</b>	<b>n=146</b>	
Very good	15	30	-	10	
Good	56	40	-	70	
Poor	17	10	100	12	
Very poor	7	20	-	4	
Don't know/Not available	5	-	-	4	
	<b>Ekwok</b>	<b>Koliganek</b>	<b>Manokotak</b>	<b>New Stuyahok</b>	<b>Togiak</b>
<b>Parks and recreation</b>	<b>n=5</b>	<b>n=4</b>	<b>n=14</b>	<b>n=7</b>	<b>n=29</b>
Very good	-	25	-	-	-
Good	20	25	-	14	14
Poor	20	-	29	29	14
Very poor	-	-	7	14	24
Don't know/Not available	60	50	64	43	48
<b>Library</b>	<b>n=5</b>	<b>n=4</b>	<b>n=14</b>	<b>n=8</b>	<b>n=29</b>
Very good	-	50	-	-	14
Good	20	25	36	63	59
Poor	-	-	14	13	3
Very poor	20	-	-	-	3
Don't know/Not available	60	25	50	25	21
<b>Landfill/waste disposal</b>	<b>n=5</b>	<b>n=4</b>	<b>n=15</b>	<b>n=7</b>	<b>n=29</b>
Very good	80	75	13	14	7
Good	20	-	73	57	31
Poor	-	25	13	29	24
Very poor	-	-	-	-	24
Don't know/Not available	-	-	-	-	14

**Do you think that each of the following services in your community is very good, good, poor, or very poor?**

<b>% of Total</b>	<b>All communities</b>	<b>Aleknagik</b>	<b>Clark's Point</b>	<b>Dillingham</b>	
<b>Docks and harbors</b>	<b>n=224</b>	<b>n=10</b>	<b>n=1</b>	<b>n=146</b>	
Very good	11	30	-	12	
Good	48	30	-	68	
Poor	10	20	-	9	
Very poor	7	20	-	1	
Don't know/Not available	24	-	100	10	
<b>Recycling</b>	<b>n=224</b>	<b>n=10</b>	<b>n=1</b>	<b>n=147</b>	
Very good	6	-	-	4	
Good	19	-	-	17	
Poor	23	30	-	33	
Very poor	22	30	-	27	
Don't know/Not available	30	40	100	19	
	<b>Ekwok</b>	<b>Koliganek</b>	<b>Manokotak</b>	<b>New Stuyahok</b>	<b>Togiak</b>
<b>Docks and harbors</b>	<b>n=5</b>	<b>n=4</b>	<b>n=15</b>	<b>n=8</b>	<b>n=29</b>
Very good	-	25	7	-	7
Good	20	-	7	38	48
Poor	-	-	27	-	14
Very poor	20	25	20	-	10
Don't know/Not available	60	50	40	63	21
<b>Recycling</b>	<b>n=5</b>	<b>n=4</b>	<b>n=14</b>	<b>n=8</b>	<b>n=29</b>
Very good	60	25	-	-	10
Good	20	25	21	25	24
Poor	-	25	14	-	14
Very poor	-	-	21	25	14
Don't know/Not available	20	25	43	50	38

**Below is a list of services that generally require taxes for development, operations, and maintenance. Would you be willing to pay more taxes if your community would receive new or improved service for each of the following?**

<b>% of Total</b>	<b>All communities</b>	<b>Aleknagik</b>	<b>Clark's Point</b>	<b>Dillingham</b>
<b>Would pay more for:</b>	<b>n=223</b>	<b>n=10</b>	<b>n=1</b>	<b>n=145</b>
Street and road improvements	44	60	100	54
Public schools	42	40	100	61
Fire protection	42	40	100	51
Emergency Medical Services (EMS)	41	50	100	52
Law enforcement	37	30	-	46
Street lighting	35	50	100	37
Parks and recreation	33	70	-	44
Health clinic	32	30	100	34
Pedestrian walkways	31	60	-	41
Public transit	30	30	-	39
Land planning	27	50	-	31

	<b>Ekwok</b>	<b>Koliganek</b>	<b>Manokotak</b>	<b>New Stuyahok</b>	<b>Togiak</b>
<b>Would pay more for:</b>	<b>n=5</b>	<b>n=4</b>	<b>n=15</b>	<b>n=8</b>	<b>n=29</b>
Street and road improvements	-	25	47	13	38
Public schools	-	50	27	13	14
Fire protection	40	25	20	25	41
Emergency Medical Services (EMS)	-	25	33	13	34
Law enforcement	20	25	40	25	28
Street lighting	40	25	40	25	28
Parks and recreation	20	25	27	13	10
Health clinic	20	25	47	13	31
Pedestrian walkways		25	13	25	14
Public transit	20	25	33	13	21
Land planning	20	50	40	13	7

## Regional Services

Do you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with each of the following approaches to providing public services to residents and communities in the Dillingham Census Area?

% of Total	All communities	Aleknagik	Clark's Point	Dillingham
<b>The Dillingham Census Area should form a borough.</b>	<b>n=221</b>	<b>n=10</b>	<b>n=1</b>	<b>n=144</b>
Strongly agree	14	-	-	23
Agree	20	20	-	23
Disagree	12	10	-	15
Strongly disagree	22	30	100	15
Don't know	32	40	-	24

	Ekwok	Koliganek	Manokotak	New Stuyahok	Togiak
<b>The Dillingham Census Area should form a borough.</b>	<b>n=5</b>	<b>n=4</b>	<b>n=15</b>	<b>n=8</b>	<b>n=29</b>
Strongly agree	-	25	-	-	10
Agree	20	25	27	-	17
Disagree	20	-	7	13	10
Strongly disagree	20	50	27	38	17
Don't know	40	-	40	50	45

**Do you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with each of the following approaches to providing public services to residents and communities in the Dillingham Census Area?**

<b>% of Total</b>	<b>All communities</b>	<b>Aleknagik</b>	<b>Clark's Point</b>	<b>Dillingham</b>
<b>The Dillingham Census Area should remain unincorporated, as it is now.</b>	<b>n=217</b>	<b>n=10</b>	<b>n=1</b>	<b>n=140</b>
Strongly agree	26	20	-	19
Agree	16	-	-	18
Disagree	15	30	-	19
Strongly disagree	8	-	-	17
Don't know	35	50	100	27

	<b>Ekwok</b>	<b>Koliganek</b>	<b>Manokotak</b>	<b>New Stuyahok</b>	<b>Togiak</b>
<b>The Dillingham Census Area should remain unincorporated, as it is now.</b>	<b>n=5</b>	<b>n=4</b>	<b>n=15</b>	<b>n=8</b>	<b>n=29</b>
Strongly agree	20	75	20	50	24
Agree	20	-	20	13	21
Disagree	40	25	13	-	7
Strongly disagree	-	-	-	-	-
Don't know	20	-	47	38	48

**Do you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with each of the following potential methods of financing public schools and other services in the region?**

<b>% of Total</b>	<b>All communities</b>	<b>Aleknagik</b>	<b>Clark's Point</b>	<b>Dillingham</b>	
<b>Property tax</b>	<b>n=220</b>	<b>n=10</b>	<b>n=1</b>	<b>n=143</b>	
Strongly agree	8	10	-	13	
Agree	22	10	-	36	
Disagree	19	10	-	22	
Strongly disagree	30	70	100	21	
Don't know	21	-	-	8	
<b>Sales tax</b>	<b>n=221</b>	<b>n=10</b>	<b>n=1</b>	<b>n=144</b>	
Strongly agree	12	10	-	18	
Agree	35	40	100	40	
Disagree	20	30	-	22	
Strongly disagree	19	20	-	16	
Don't know	15	-	-	4	
	<b>Ekwok</b>	<b>Koliganek</b>	<b>Manokotak</b>	<b>New Stuyahok</b>	<b>Togiak</b>
<b>Property tax</b>	<b>n=5</b>	<b>n=4</b>	<b>n=15</b>	<b>n=8</b>	<b>n=30</b>
Strongly agree	-	25	-	-	-
Agree	-	25	13	-	10
Disagree	80	-	20	-	23
Strongly disagree	20	25	20	63	30
Don't know	-	25	47	38	37
<b>Sales tax</b>	<b>n=5</b>	<b>n=4</b>	<b>n=15</b>	<b>n=8</b>	<b>n=29</b>
Strongly agree	20	25	7	-	-
Agree	20	25	27	-	45
Disagree	40	-	20	13	21
Strongly disagree	20	25	13	50	10
Don't know	-	25	33	38	24

**Do you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with each of the following potential methods of financing public schools and other services in the region?**

<b>% of Total</b>	<b>All communities</b>	<b>Aleknagik</b>	<b>Clark's Point</b>	<b>Dillingham</b>	
<b>Commercial fish tax</b>	<b>n=220</b>	<b>n=10</b>	<b>n=1</b>	<b>n=144</b>	
Strongly agree	27	30	-	42	
Agree	22	40	-	26	
Disagree	16	10	-	10	
Strongly disagree	19	20	100	11	
Don't know	17	-	-	10	
<b>Bed tax</b>	<b>n=218</b>	<b>n=10</b>	<b>n=1</b>	<b>n=142</b>	
Strongly agree	19	40	-	27	
Agree	25	10	100	36	
Disagree	16	10	-	12	
Strongly disagree	15	20	-	11	
Don't know	26	20	-	13	
	<b>Ekwok</b>	<b>Koliganek</b>	<b>Manokotak</b>	<b>New Stuyahok</b>	<b>Togiak</b>
<b>Commercial fish tax</b>	<b>n=5</b>	<b>n=4</b>	<b>n=14</b>	<b>n=8</b>	<b>n=29</b>
Strongly agree	-	50	-	-	14
Agree	20	25	29	-	14
Disagree	60	-	14	13	34
Strongly disagree	20	25	14	63	10
Don't know	-	-	43	25	28
<b>Bed tax</b>	<b>n=5</b>	<b>n=4</b>	<b>n=15</b>	<b>n=7</b>	<b>n=30</b>
Strongly agree	20	25	-	-	10
Agree	20	50	7	-	13
Disagree	40	-	27	14	23
Strongly disagree	20	25	7	43	10
Don't know	-	-	60	43	43

Please rate the effectiveness of each of the following entities in meeting the needs of your community as very good, good, poor, or very poor.

% of Total	All communities	Aleknagik	Clark's Point	Dillingham	
<b>Village/Tribal Council</b>	<b>n=222</b>	<b>n=10</b>	<b>n=1</b>	<b>n=144</b>	
Very good	11	-	100	7	
Good	31	30	-	38	
Poor	27	30	-	27	
Very poor	16	30	-	6	
Don't know	15	10	-	22	
<b>City Government</b>	<b>n=222</b>	<b>n=10</b>	<b>n=1</b>	<b>n=145</b>	
Very good	9	20	-	7	
Good	40	10	100	49	
Poor	24	40	-	23	
Very poor	12	30	-	12	
Don't know	14	-	-	9	
	Ekwok	Koliganek	Manokotak	New Stuyahok	Togiak
<b>Village/Tribal Council</b>	<b>n=5</b>	<b>n=4</b>	<b>n=15</b>	<b>n=8</b>	<b>n=29</b>
Very good	40	50	27	-	7
Good	20	-	33	25	24
Poor	40	25	20	38	24
Very poor	-	25	13	38	31
Don't know	-	-	7	-	14
<b>City Government</b>	<b>n=5</b>	<b>n=3</b>	<b>n=15</b>	<b>n=8</b>	<b>n=29</b>
Very good	40	-	27	13	-
Good	20	33	40	25	34
Poor	20	-	13	38	28
Very poor	-	-	-	13	17
Don't know	20	67	20	13	21

Please rate the effectiveness of each of the following entities in meeting the needs of your community as very good, good, poor, or very poor.

<b>% of Total</b>	<b>All communities</b>	<b>Aleknagik</b>	<b>Clark's Point</b>	<b>Dillingham</b>	
<b>State Government</b>	<b>n=220</b>	<b>n=10</b>	<b>n=1</b>	<b>n=143</b>	
Very good	7	10	-	5	
Good	32	40	-	43	
Poor	28	30	100	32	
Very poor	8	10	-	6	
Don't know	25	10	-	13	
<b>Federal Government</b>	<b>n=221</b>	<b>n=10</b>	<b>n=1</b>	<b>n=143</b>	
Very good	7	10	-	6	
Good	35	40	100	43	
Poor	20	20	-	24	
Very poor	11	20	-	11	
Don't know	27	10	-	17	
	<b>Ekwok</b>	<b>Koliganek</b>	<b>Manokotak</b>	<b>New Stuyahok</b>	<b>Togiak</b>
<b>State Government</b>	<b>n=4</b>	<b>n=4</b>	<b>n=15</b>	<b>n=8</b>	<b>n=29</b>
Very good	25	50	13	-	-
Good	50	-	27	13	24
Poor	-	25	13	25	24
Very poor	-	-	-	13	17
Don't know	25	25	47	50	34
<b>Federal Government</b>	<b>n=5</b>	<b>n=4</b>	<b>n=15</b>	<b>n=8</b>	<b>n=29</b>
Very good	20	50	13	-	-
Good	60	-	20	13	34
Poor	-	25	13	25	10
Very poor	-	-	-	13	21
Don't know	20	25	53	50	34

# Demographics

## Survey Respondents

	% of Total
<b>Average age</b>	<b>53 years old</b>
Under 35	16
35 to 54	32
55+	53
<b>Average years lived in DCA</b>	<b>38 years</b>
0 to 5	14
6 to 10	3
11+	82
<b>Current employment status</b>	
Employed	59
Commercial fishing	21
Local/Tribal government	33
Federal/State government	26
Other	20
Unemployed	13
Other	28
<b>Household</b>	
Own/Rent	67/19
Children living in household	41
Average household size	3.1 people
<b>Income and other demographics</b>	
Household income	\$46,900
College graduate	37
Percent Alaska Native/Amer. Indian	76
Male/Female	48/52

# Additional Comments

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Residnets were asked to provide additional comments about improving public services in their community. Responses are provided below.

- Provide public transportation from downtown Dillingham to Kanakanak Hospital. Improve telecommunication. Invest in affordable, reliable internet access in the city and villages.
- Schools that teach/prepare students for adult life, not living off parents and elders. Generally in favor of a borough to bring more control locally if it can be founded without too heavy of tax burden. This is an economically depressed area and tax decisions need to be made carefully. A potential borough should cover basic services and seek grants for activities and must encourage economy growth.
- A borough would be the best approach for a unified Bristol Bay with a shared resource tax for fish.
- A petition should be submitted and a vote of the unorganized Dillingham Census Area is needed. The Borough idea has been discussed way too long without a vote.
- Addition to the existing pedestrian/bicycle walkway from the junction of the Lake Aleknagik/Kanakanak Road to the hospital would greatly increase public safety for those walking and biking. A public swimming pool is greatly needed - many people have never learned to swim and it would increase safety as well as public health. Additional parks are needed to augment the existing city park at the Boat Harbor and the small park near the Bear Paw Inn.
- Allocate more funding for law enforcement: Alaska State Troopers, VPSO's, City Police, Schools, Elderly Services.
- Better water and sewer. Better parks. Better lighting at Lower Village. Have lighting visible for miles around the village. Those that travel without snow machines and Hondas can get better idea of where they are at night. It should be high enough for miles around; put it at old airport and a wind socket.
- Bike/pedestrian walkways have improved along state roads but the city hasn't maintained walkways down town. City Police feel like an expensive joke. The state is dropping the ball on fisheries management but it maintains roads well. State Troopers do a fine job. State Courts and DA have been underperforming as well.
- City of Dillingham has way too much waste. Need to cut back and do only what they can afford. We have a bigger police budget than the Palmer police budget. It's time to get real.
- Dillingham also supports senior program, DMV, and jail which are important.
- Do better for us so that we can have a better future!
- Dog Ordinance. Speed limits. Safer driveways. Local police. Tribal member involvement; Not just one family running Tribal Council.
- Education on parenting!! Too many disrespected kids!
- Enforce Laws! Apply for grants!! More jobs in Villages not Dillingham!
- Find ways to tax those who do not pay property tax (exempt because of Native allotments).
- Fire protection workers in need of training and licenses. Health aides. A Village Police Safety Officer. City maintenance. EMS and workers need licenses.
- Fix the town roads! Provide more outreach on services offered in city, tribe, and other organizations!
- Focus on educational campaign about how much services cost and what the city already does.

- Get new and improved police force. Let the government get a prison in Bristol Bay somewhere and even halfway houses for Bristol Bay.
- Has nothing to do with imposing taxes or more fees. What is needed is a more competent work force. For example, the hospital continues to decline in healthcare. Instead of hiring the best, most competent individuals, they hire fast and to just "fill positions". For roads, if competent, hardworking crews are hired to complete tarring/etc., maybe tarring one road wouldn't take 2-3 years. The school system is decent, what is needed are kids that have the willingness and desire to succeed. It all begins at the top, administrations/heads of corporations that need to hire hard working, competent individuals.
- Health clinic has long wait times for all services. The billing department is awful and impatient.
- Homes for families or individuals need home. Elders building for stories and teaching natural way of life and survival.
- I checked 'good' for state and local government for providing services. That has been true but both are rapidly declining.
- I feel that we need a larger tax base. There are very few people in the Dillingham area that pay city property taxes because most people live on Native allotments or Rental properties. I feel that a tax of the commercial fish caught/processed in Dillingham would be beneficial to everyone equally. Thank You.
- I live in the city of Dillingham and pay a lot of taxes that provide a lot of the services. If the borough would provide these services, would it assume all the taxes that the City of Dillingham collects? If it does take on all these taxes that I currently pay the City of Dillingham then I will support a borough. Until then, NO WAY!!! Last fiscal year, the citizens of Dillingham paid 8.1 million dollars in taxes for only 2400 people. We need help.
- I would love to see a regional waste management collection system that hauls out the recyclable stuff, hazardous stuff, old construction, and heavy equipment.
- I would love to see parks and recreation start up. We could use better playgrounds, skate park, and swimming pool. Of course, housing needs to come first as well as more care and activities for our seniors. We have an ice rink so skates would be good. We have one baseball field and one soccer field and 4-H, but we could really use someone and funding to head a city-wide recreation center.
- Improving housing and houses for ones that need it.
- It is important in the current political climate, coupled with the state's financial problems that this region create a borough. Untold amounts of money are withdrawn from this region in natural resources that leave for free due to the lack of an effective taxation system that a borough can provide. Commercial and sport fishermen come through without adding a dime to the local community. A borough is local control of local resources.
- It'd be best if the Corporation had workers haul more gravel to fix the roads and put more road signs.
- It's fine the way it is!!
- Keep roads plowed.
- Kids need more to do.
- More foot patrols by VPSO during curfew hours.
- More job opportunities for families with kids. More/better law enforcement for rural villages.
- More jobs.

- More outreach programs, confidential hospital employees, food bank stock, unemployment benefits for poverty level residents.
- More Police Officers would better help the City of Dillingham. We need a new Police Chief and Police Sargent, and full-time EMS and Fire Responders.
- More sand and gravel is Dillingham's version of concrete.
- We must have recreation areas indoors like tennis courts and swimming pools.
- NEC/NTC is a nonprofit utility. Their current function is to provide electricity and telephone services at a cost to local consumers. I would highly recommend that local interest be more active in supporting NEC/NTC while they support the communities they serve.
- Need better roads.
- Need culturally relevant curriculum in our school system about our culture, language, and local history.
- Need more activities for the kids. Need to take away some of the rights kids have or they should do adult time if they commit an adult crime.
- Need more effort put into reducing drug abuse.
- Need more jobs and roads.
- Need more native dancing and cultural activities where the community can go.
- Need more police and need to be working and patrolling all the time.
- Need more street lights to the upper road towards the new church and in town. Also better, fatter roads up the hill.
- Need playground for kids. Bears and wolves roam around, not safe for kids in town. We need more surveyed land and better housing. Better cell signal.
- Need road to Dillingham. Need more funding from both state and federal levels.
- Need roads to Dillingham to Manokotak. Airfare getting too expensive just for 3-4 min. plane ride into the main hub.
- Need to improve the education program for our young children.
- We need public transportation- many elders and low income have no way for medical services.
- We need swimming pool, jobs in villages, Arts/Heritage Center, classes year-round, youth activities and gym for adults, jobs in green houses, every village including Dillingham needs to fill potholes while waiting for re-surfacing. Progressive mental health for drug addiction and more funding for AA and child care. Higher wages for Community Health Aides in villages.
- Public services can be improved if the city council would require more accountability of the city staff and employees. Too many dollars are wasted due to poor management and decisions with no one being held accountable.
- Recreational opportunities need to be enhanced. This is especially true for outdoor recreation available from the road system. Parks, picnic spots, trails, all are sorely lacking.
- Roads need repair. Need to investigate what happened to the funding that we had under Federal Information Act. We are tired of dead people being blamed for losses including our village corp.
- Roads. Both city and tribe is run by relatives. They hire their own relatives over other applicants although they have no experience for the job.
- Services like recycling should be done on a community volunteer basis. Need a better work ethic – and we need to collect taxes from delinquent taxpayers.
- Take better care of the roads that we do have through sweeping and oiling. Same for bike paths.

- The Bristol Bay region need to address the new form of substance abuse wreaking havoc among the young people now.
- The public school here needs professionals to work with autistic students full-time! The teachers lack humility for your Yupik culture, and they don't teach students about autistic students. I'm always hearing students telling of teachers/aides mistreating kids with special needs and autism and bullying.
- The roads need improvement, lots of potholes, and too many taxes for food, clothes, travel, oil, gas. And high price just to live.
- The school we have here in Aleknagik is in a very good location since there are more school kids and easier because kids don't have to get across the lake as there are more kids on the North side that go to school here. We need Health Aides and need one on North side to be easier to get attention. Like I miss the Clinic that I can get shots every so often. Thank you.
- There should be no Native Exemption from Taxation.
- They need to help our loved ones that are addicted to drugs and alcohol; maybe like a methodone(?) clinic.
- Use the sweeper arm on the grader to clear the snow off unofficial/official walkway on senior center side of road to use. Make it feel safer for us seniors to walk to town. Instead of having to walk on same side road with traffic- cars and trucks. Please.
- We are in desperate need of a VPSO ASAP. One of the largest villages on the Nushagak! Even a VPSO Rover that can come to this village on a 2 week basis till one is here would be greatly appreciated.
- We desperately need a Trooper post here in Togiak.
- We need Law Enforcement or Police officers and also need a Post Master.
- We need more taxes in order to improve our public services. There are too many tax breaks for the fisher people and poor yet they want better school and facilities.
- Would be nice to have a bus for community not just elderly/disabled bus or school bus. Public transit would be nice.

#### **OTHER COMMENTS**

- A culture of taking care of employees has overtaken care for the recipient of services. Supervisors must demand productive, honest work from employees.
- I am in full disagreement with formation of a Borough.
- BBNA has many office workers and they should be willing to help people with documents and other paper and digital filing problems.
- Don't raise taxes. Quit taxing middle class citizens, quit taxing rich and poor. Learn to live on a budget. Promote capitalism, reduce taxes and city services, and allow the private sector and future entrepreneurs to grow our economy. City of Dillingham does not need more money, it needs smarts.
- Change people at city after tribe etc.
- Change Public Servants.
- I'm in favor of forming a borough.
- Fed/state grants that are funding tribes/city governments need to make sure money is used correctly and appropriately. There is too much corruption that needs to be exposed and stopped. We need sober, honest leaders instead of drunks. Thanks!
- Funds need to be used instead of sat on.

- Good right now.
- Just DON'T steal the money that's meant "for the people."
- Need better assistance for applications that need to be worked on.
- No jobs, when you try and work they give positions to their family; don't help the people that need it; don't help when you need help. Other people should just move (I thought about that) where there are jobs but don't have a place. This won't help. Why fill out this survey; we won't be heard.
- On Q5; City of Dillingham already receives fish tax revenue via the state of Alaska Raw Fish tax.
- Our local Tribal Entities should help people to protect their allotments by being more proactive by public notification of restriction and penalties.
- I will never vote to become a borough.
- People need to actually work at their jobs. There is a major lack of supervision in making sure employees are working and not on breaks, on internet, or doing personal business. People have gotten lazy in their positions. For the Police Dept.; need to hire officers with at least some experience - not the young officers who have no idea how to conduct investigations, etc.
- Please focus on mismanagement or over-funded projects before taxing the very small taxable population. Support private business growth with a balance in the region.
- Please raise the tax for non-watershed/non-Bristol Bay residents - including harbor use, property taxes. If they do not live here year-round, they should pay more taxes - including fishing taxes. I agree with an alcohol tax and strongly agree with a nonresident harbor use.
- It is hard to get improvements in our community with state cuts! But with the help of our amazing staff at the Village Council and their services we are getting a lot done! We are improving more and more everyday!
- Quit spending CDQ monies, corporate monies, other monies -disproportionately in and through and by the community of Dillingham. Governmental entities in Dillingham historically and continually cheat, lie and steal, ultimately are proven dishonest in equally splitting the Bristol Bay economic pie. Bunch of crooks.
- Stop wasting money by over-spending - excess travel by management needs to stop, when funding is low, tighten the belt, when making road repairs - do permanent fixes not patches. Hire employees that have good customer service skills and know how to work, dress, and act professionally. Overhaul the police department - management is poor.
- Stop wasting money on unnecessary expenses, put more into the community and do not compromise what is really needed by the unnecessary use of funds. Put things towards improving our community.
- The tax base is skewed with inability to collect from Native allotments. Less than 20% of property owners pay for all services. Inequitable.
- Taxes and funding are not the problem!
- The city should annex the commercial fishing district and the Aleknagik Lake Road to Aleknagik to collect fish tax and property tax. Taxing authority should extend to HUD homes and Native allotments.
- The wannabe tribal council members have slowed down services, community, improvements needed, and others that are very important as compared to council members with many years serving in both State and Federal governments.
- There should not be a "tribal" borough. Tribes are "clubs", albeit well-funded by feds. You are "born into" the club. Any planning for a borough is DOA because Tribes in rural sites don't want it.

- We need to collaborate more in order to provide effective services - in order to do this though we need to first understand and have a common language of why we need services to begin with. If we don't do this then we will just continue to treat symptoms - rather we need to understand root causes.
- We need to tax at the local level the Nushagak Fishery, the only fishery not taxed at the local level. It's embarrassing and the state is unfairly viewing as a First Class city trying to pay its way by punishing its attempts to annex the waters. A First Class city has the same duties and responsibilities as a borough, a mandate by the state. The state can't have it both ways. The 2nd class cities get free infrastructure (fuel, electric, and sanitation).
- People here don't want a borough.
- You all are in the position to make a difference. What have you done? Is this survey going to all other Native villages? The vision project assured response years ago. BBNA is dragging their feet to do anything for villages outside Dillingham.
- We need more support and help to lower our property taxes.
- We need resource support and dedicated individuals who care for the community as a whole. Special interest is not public service. Serving resident members and creating a community that welcomes and encourages local entrepreneurship will help develop and maintain unique services. For example, how many local businesses are owned by village corporations, tribal governments, etc. in communities?

# Survey Instrument

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A copy of the survey instrument is attached.