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The Native Village of Diomedes IRA, supports the HB 63 Bill.

Little Diomedes, Alaska is located 27 miles from mainland and is NW of Nome, AK. Diomedes holds a population of 130 residents. Every year the community residents dump 8 tons of solid waste onto the ice. Diomedes does not have proper incineration, and because the island is an all rocky steep island and about a 1/4 mile beachway, there is no landfill. It has become a custom to cast trash onto the ice. The Native Village of Diomedes IRA, does collect recyclables, but can only send space available in the winter season by plane.

If you would like to contact the IRA office, please ask for Frances Ozenna (Tribal Coordinator) @ 907-686-2175.

Banning PBDEs would be the best thing for the ocean life around Diomedes, and everywhere else.

Thank you, and good luck!

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