

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AMONG THE ORGANIZATIONAL ENTITIES
COMPRISING THE ATAQAN AKUN EXECUTIVE PLANNING COMMITTEE (AAEPC), AN
ORGANIZATION CREATED FOR THE OVERALL BETTERMENT OF
THE COMMUNITY OF SAINT PAUL ISLAND

This memorandum of understanding (MOU) establishes a voluntary and cooperative understanding among the organizational entities that form the Ataqa Akun Executive Planning Committee (AAEPC): the City of Saint Paul (CSP), a city government and subdivision of the State of Alaska; the Aleut Community of Saint Paul Island Tribal Government, a federally recognized Tribe (ACSPI); Tanadgusix Corporation (TDX), the ANCSA Village Corporation of Saint Paul Island, Alaska; and the Central Bering Sea Fishermen's Association (CBSFA), the management entity for Saint Paul Island under the Western Alaska Community Development Quota Program (CDQ).

Together, the ~~CSP~~, the ~~ACSPI~~, ~~TDX~~, and the ~~CBSFA~~ enter into this voluntary MOU to mutually develop and implement community strategic and economic plans for the overall betterment of the community of Saint Paul Island. Accordingly, the ~~CSP~~, the ~~ACSPI~~ Tribal Government, ~~TDX~~, and the ~~CBSFA~~ hereby create the Ataqa Akun Executive Planning Committee (AAEPC) by this MOU and agree as follows:

I. **PURPOSE AND SCOPE:**

The purposes of this MOU are to:

- a. Establish a process by which the AAEPC will work together using a process of decision-making by consensus to develop and implement community-wide strategic and economic development plans.
- b. Ataqa Akun to serve as a common expression of the unifying concept for the community that, "We are One," in seeking a unified vision for the future development and betterment of the community of Saint Paul Island.
- c. Develop a community economic development plan that serves as the strategic plan for the unified community of Saint Paul Island.
- d. Analyze past community successes, current strengths and weaknesses, current opportunities and threats.
- e. Establish goals and objectives, and identify strategies and implementation measures for carrying out the plan and achieving the community's vision for the future.
- f. Adopt strategic and economic development plans for the community of Saint Paul Island.
- g. Any strategic and economic development plans will be a shared ownership document, displaying each entity's logo, and if changes are proposed, the AAEPC will meet in order to revise as necessary. Each entity shall adopt and approve the plan by resolution.
- h. The AAEPC shall be an on-going committee that shall: develop and implement strategic and economic development plans; organize community-wide citizen participation; conduct town hall meetings; engage consultants when necessary to help facilitate the planning process; and provide needed expertise to study issues and develop strategies to achieve the goals and objectives of various plans.
- i. The AAEPC, as an on-going entity, shall also follow-up to determine whether goals and objectives have been achieved and to evaluate the planning progress and processes.

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- j. The AAEP, shall work together on air and marine transportation issues that affect Saint Paul Island and the Aleutian/Pribilof region.

II. AGREEMENT AND PROCESS:

The participant entities in the AAEP, the CSP, ACSPI, TDX, and CBSFA agree to the following:

- a. Each of the four entities agrees to provide funds for the above purposes in an amount to be determined by the AAEP. The payment by each entity will be provided by check to CBSFA's Chief Financial Officer.
- b. The AAEP shall be a four (4) person committee.
- c. Each of the four entities will appoint a representative to sit on the four (4) person AAEP.
- d. Unless otherwise agreed, the ACSPI and CSP representatives will Co-chair the AAEP meetings
- e. Tina Woods, with TDX will serve as coordinator of the planning process. She will coordinate meeting agendas, times, and places. She will also maintain the necessary mailing and contact lists.
- f. Joe Kashervarov, CBSFA's Chief Financial Officer, shall provide accounting and financial services to AAEP.
- g. Administrative and technical oversight shall be the responsibility of the AAEP.
- h. Special administrative projects may be assigned as needed on a case-by-case basis by the AAEP.
- i. Each entity will present a resolution, adopted by their governing board/council, in support of the revised AAEP MOU by March 31, 2021.
- j. The AAEP committee will be composed of the chief executive officer or president of each member organization or an alternate who is specifically designated in writing by the cognizant CEO/president.

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III. TERMS OF MEMORANDUM:

The term of this MOU is for an indefinite period of time and effective on the date on which all member entities have signed the MOU. This MOU shall be formally reviewed annually by the entities to ensure the fulfillment of the purposes and to make any necessary revisions.

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IV. AUTHORIZATION:

The signing of this MOU is voluntary. The provisions of this MOU are voluntarily agreed upon by all parties in the spirit of cooperation and mutual concern for the future economic well-being of the community of Saint Paul Island. Any of the entities composing the Ataqa Akun Executive Planning Committee are not legally bound to comply with the terms of this MOU. By signing this MOU, however, the entities involved will strive to reach, to the best of their ability, the purposes stated in this MOU.

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THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS MOU SHALL BE: _____.

City of Saint Paul

By: _____
Phillip A. Zavadil, City Manager

Date: _____

Tanadgusix Corporation

By: _____
Chris Mandregan, Chief Executive Officer

Date: _____

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Aleut Community of Saint Paul Island

By: _____
Amos Philemonoff, President

Date: _____

Central Bering Sea Fishermen's Association

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Phillip Lestenkof, President

Date: _____