



CITY OF SAINT PAUL
ALASKA

RESOLUTION 23-19
A RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION 22-13 – A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE
ALAĠUM KANUUĶ SANCTUARY NOMINATION

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2023 the Council of the City of Saint Paul approved Resolution 22-13 – A Resolution Regarding the Alaġum KanuuĶ Sanctuary Nomination; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council’s conditional support of the PRIME Initiative/ Alaġum KanuuĶ was based on the following:

- the City had to be consulted as this proposal was developed and had to agree to the proposed sanctuary goals and objectives which had to include the protection of existing and future economic activities as well as infrastructure development, and;
- it was clear to the City that the proposed co-management structure would not add a further level of bureaucracy and lengthen processes to pursue economic activities and accomplish critical development projects on Saint Paul Island, and;
- consultation with the City regarding any changes to the proposed sanctuary had to be continuous and timely as the nomination progressed in order to maintain its support, and;

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul has not been consulted continuously and in a timely manner on developments concerning the PRIME Initiative/ Alaġum KanuuĶ; and,

WHEREAS, in a letter dated February 23, 2023, the offices of Senators Murkowski and Sullivan requested that the NOAA Administrator, Richard Spinrad, “remove the nomination from inventory and reevaluate the proposal once a boundary is defined and adequate stakeholder consultation has occurred,” a critical development of which the City was not notified; and,

WHEREAS, in a letter dated July 10, 2023, NOAA Administrator Richard Spinrad, advised the Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Fish & Game, Doug Vincent-Lang, that “[t]hrough both areas [the St. George and Alaġum KanuuĶ nominations] may remain in the Inventory of Successful Nominations, NOAA is not moving forward with a national marine sanctuary nomination,” another critical development of which the City was also not notified.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, on the aforementioned bases, the Council of the City of Saint Paul rescinds Resolution 22-13 and the City of Saint Paul’s support for the PRIME Initiative/ Alaġum KanuuĶ.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL
THIS 19th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2023 BY __ IN FAVOR __ OPPOSED AND __ ABSTAIN.

ATTEST:

Jacob N. Mercurief, Mayor

Monique Baker, City Clerk