



# CITY OF SAINT PAUL

## ALASKA

### MEMORANDUM TO COUNCIL

**TO:** Mayor and City Council Members

**FROM:** Aubrey Wegeleben, City Clerk

**CC:** Phillip Zavadil, City Manager; Stephanie Mandregan, Finance Director

**DATE:** September 9, 2023

**RE:** Resolution 23-19 - A Resolution Rescinding Resolution 22-13 – A Resolution Regarding the Alaġum Kanuuġ Sanctuary Nomination

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**SUMMARY:** on October 7, 2023 the Council of the City of Saint Paul approved Resolution 22-13 – A Resolution Regarding the Alaġum Kanuuġ Sanctuary Nomination. The City Administration and Council has not been consulted and updated regarding the PRIME Initiative/Alaġum Kanuuġ.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:** October 7, 2023 the Council of the City of Saint Paul approved Resolution 22-13 – A Resolution Regarding the Alaġum Kanuuġ Sanctuary Nomination.

**BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:** The City of Saint Paul has not been consulted continuously and in a timely manner on developments concerning the PRIME Initiative/Alaġum Kanuuġ.

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,

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]hough both areas [the St. George and Alaġum Kanuuġ 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.

**ALTERNATIVES:** City Council could choose not to approve this resolution.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:** None.

**LEGAL:** None.

**ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION:** Approval of this Resolution is recommended.

**PROPOSED MOTION:** I move to approve Resolution 23-19.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Resolution 23-19, Resolution 22-13, Senators Murkowski and Sullivan letter dated February 23, 2023, ADFG Commissioner Vincent-Lang letter dated July 10, 2023 ACSPI PRIME Nomination document, NOAA Office of National Marine Sanctuaries Frequently Asked Questions document.