



ALASKA INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL

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NOAA Office of National Marine Sanctuaries
Attn: Mr. William Douros □
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Via email: (William.Duros@noaa.gov)

Dear Mr. Douros,

I am writing on behalf of Alaska Inter-Tribal Council. Alaska Inter-Tribal Council was established by Treaty and a Constitution on December 10, 1992. Alaska Inter-Tribal Council is a statewide consortium of 176 tribes in Alaska dedicated to protect, advocate, and preserve the sovereign culture and traditional lifestyles of the indigenous peoples of Alaska. The mission of AI-TC includes protecting and promoting our natural and wildlife resources that benefit Alaska Natives intellectual properties and our economies. AI-TC supports the determination of the community of St. George to create a National Marine Sanctuary around the Island.

We respect and endorse the St. George community's efforts to protect its home, its cultural heritage, the marine environment, and the animals that depend on the sea. It is the sacred right of the Unangan community of St. George to determine their destiny and to ensure a future for their next generations.

We wish the community of St. George much success.

Sincerely,

Delice Calcote
Executive Director

cc: george@unangan.org