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NOAA Office of National Marine Sanctuaries
Attn: Mr. William Douros
99 Pacific St., Suite 100
Monterey, CA 93940

Dear Mr. Douros,

Nome Eskimo Community supports the efforts to establish a National Marine Sanctuary around St. George Island. This environmentally sensitive area is important to the community and to the traditional culture of St. George Island residents.

We support 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 the next generations.

If you have any comments or questions, you may contact Jacob Martin, Subsistence Specialist, at (907) 443-9124 or by email: Jacob.Martin@necalaska.org.

We wish the community of St. George much success with their efforts.

Sincerely,

NOME ESKIMO COMMUNITY

 for Emma Pate

Emma Pate, Executive Director

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