



Pribilof Island Usage and Occupancy (FY2023, First Quarter)

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U.S. Coast Guard

Foreword

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I am pleased to present the following report, “Pribilof Island Usage and Occupancy (FY2023, First Quarter),” as prepared by the U.S. Coast Guard.

The Don Young Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2022 directs the submission of a report describing the degree to which Coast Guard personnel and equipment are deployed to St. Paul Island, Alaska.

Pursuant to Congressional requirements, this report is provided to the following members of Congress:

The Honorable Maria Cantwell
Chair, Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

The Honorable Ted Cruz
Ranking Member, Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

The Honorable Sam Graves
Chairman, House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

The Honorable Rick Larsen
Ranking Member, House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

I am pleased to answer any questions you may have, or your staff may contact my Senate Liaison Office at (202) 224-2913 or House Liaison Office at (202) 225-4775.

Sincerely,



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Commandant





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I. Legislative Language

This report responds to the language set forth in Section 11221 of the Don Young Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2022 (Pub. L. No. 117-263), which reads:

SEC. 11221. PRIBILOF ISLAND TRANSITION COMPLETION ACTIONS

(a) **ACTUAL USE AND OCCUPANCY REPORTS.**—Not later than 90 days after enactment of this Act, and quarterly thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report describing—

- (1) the degree to which Coast Guard personnel and equipment are deployed to St. Paul Island, Alaska, in actual occupancy of the facilities, as required under section 524 of the Pribilof Island Transition Completion Act of 2016 (Public Law 114–120); and
- (2) the status of the activities described in subsections (c) and (d) until such activities have been completed.

(c) **FUEL TANK.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall notify the Alaska Native Village Corporation for St. Paul Island, Alaska of the availability of any fuel tank—

- (A) which is located on property on St. Paul Island, Alaska, which is leased by the Coast Guard for the purpose of housing such a fuel tank; and
- (B) for which the Commandant has determined that the Coast Guard no longer has an operational need.

(2) **TRANSFER.**—If not later than 30 days after a notification under subsection (a), the Alaska Native Village Corporation for St. Paul Island, Alaska requests that the ownership of the tank be transferred to such corporation then the Commandant shall—

- (A) after conducting any necessary environmental remediation pursuant to the lease referred to in paragraph (1)(A), transfer ownership of such fuel tank to such corporation; and
- (B) upon the date of such transfer, terminate the lease referred to in paragraph (1)(A).

(d) **SAVINGS CLAUSE.**—Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit any rights of the Alaska Native Village Corporation for St. Paul to receive conveyance of all or part of the lands and improvements related to Tract 43 under the same terms and conditions as prescribed in section 524 of the Pribilof Island Transition Completion Act of 2016 (Public Law 114–120).

II. Report

The Coast Guard operates three high frequency antennae and the equipment necessary to operate these antennae on Tract 43 of St. Paul Island, Alaska. Tract 43 is also used, when needed, as a forward operating location for search and rescue response activities in the Bering Sea.

Usage Data (October 12, 2022, through December 31, 2022)

Total Number of Visits: 01

Date: December 6, 2022 (day trip only)

Number of People: 21

Purpose of Visit:

- Stock mattresses and install phones at administration building
- Conduct maintenance on high-frequency automated link establishment (HF-ALE) system
- Transport government owned vehicle to Dutch Harbor for maintenance

Fuel Tank

In accordance with Section (c)(1) of the legislation, the Coast Guard notified the Alaska Native Village Corporation for St. Paul Island, Tanadgusix Corporation¹ (TDX) on January 23, 2023, that the Coast Guard no longer has an operational need of the fuel tank.

Transfer

The Coast Guard's disposition methodology for the fuel tank is dependent on TDX's response to its notification dated January 23, 2023. If TDX desires the fuel tank, then the Coast Guard will transfer the tank in accordance with the legislation. If TDX does not desire the fuel tank, then the Coast Guard will initiate efforts to remove the equipment.

In addition to conversations with TDX, the Coast Guard initiated efforts to contract an Environmental Due Diligence Assessment (EDDA) to determine if the site requires remediation prior to termination of the lease. The EDDA will be complete by September 2023. The Coast Guard will terminate the lease at the completion of environmental due diligence and successful disposition of the fuel tank.

¹ Tanadgusix Corporation or TDX is a shareholder-owned Aleut Alaska Native village corporation founded in 1973. Located on Saint Paul Island, Alaska, the company is primarily involved in fish processing, shipping, real estate, tourism, the environment, and power generation.

Appendix: Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Definition
EDDA	Environmental Due Diligence Assessment
HF-ALE	High-Frequency Automated Link Establishment
TDX	Tanadgusix Corporation