

RESOLUTION 24-33

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH ASSEMBLY AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT AMONG THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, ALASKA HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE, NATIVE VILLAGE OF AKUTAN, ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH AND THE CITY OF AKUTAN REGARDING THE PROPOSED NAVIGATION IMPROVEMENTS AT AKUTAN HARBOR, AKUN ISLAND, ALASKA

WHEREAS, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Native Village of Akutan and the Aleutians East Borough partnered on a Feasibility Study to investigate potential navigation improvements at Akutan Harbor, Akun Island, Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the Feasibility Report recommends constructing navigation improvements at Akun Island; and

WHEREAS, USACE determined and documented the Area of Potential Effects (APE; see Appendix B) in compliance with the implementing regulations for Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act [36 CFR § 800.4.(a)(1)] for purposes of planning and, as engineering and design are refined, will revise the APE to include the total geographic area within which the undertaking may directly or indirectly cause alterations in the character of historic properties; and

WHEREAS, USACE determined that the Surf Bay Archaeological District (UNI-00103) and Sanağan (UNI-00125) are within the APE and the Alaska State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) concurred; and

WHEREAS, Surf Bay Archaeological District (UNI-00103) is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places and Sanağan (UNI-00125) is a contributing property to UNI-00103; and

WHEREAS, USACE determined that the recommended navigation improvements undertaking is likely to have an adverse effect on UNI-00103 and UNI-00125 and the SHPO concurred; and

WHEREAS, due to the uncertain location of subsurface cultural materials associated with UNI-00103 and UNI-00125, USACE, in consultation with the SHPO, concluded that it would be appropriate to develop a Programmatic Agreement (PA) in accordance with 36 CFR § 800.14(b)(1)(ii) to identify stipulations to resolve specific adverse effects that may occur during implementation of the undertaking; and

WHEREAS, the Native Village of Akutan, a Federally-recognized Tribe and a Non-Federal Sponsor of the proposed navigation improvements undertaking, was invited to participate in the development of this PA as an *invited signatory* and has accepted; and

WHEREAS, the Borough, Native Village of Akutan, City of Akutan, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the Akutan Corporation, the Aleutian Pribilof Island Association, the Aleut Corporation, the Museum of the Aleutians and Dr. Haliehana Stepetin were invited to participate in the development of the Programmatic Agreement as a concurring party; and

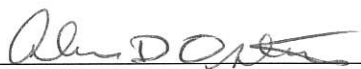
WHEREAS, the stipulations of this PA shall be appended to and made part of the Final Integrated Feasibility Report & Environmental Assessment and mitigated Finding of No Significant Impact approving the undertaking, and USACE will use this PA to resolve adverse effects to the Surf Bay Archaeological District (UNI-00103) and Sanağan (UNI-00125) caused by the recommended navigation improvements undertaking; and

WHEREAS, the Programmatic Agreement will outline the stipulations that will need to be implemented to take into account the effect of the project on historic properties; and

WHEREAS, signing the Programmatic Agreement does not commit the Borough to construct the Navigation Improvements on Akun Island.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Aleutians East Borough Assembly authorizes the Mayor to negotiate and execute a Programmatic Agreement among the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska State Historic Preservation Office, Native Village of Akutan, Aleutians East Borough and the City of Akutan regarding the Proposed Navigation Improvements at Akutan Harbor, Akun Island, Alaska.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Aleutians East Borough on this 14th day of March, 2024.



Alvin D. Osterback, Mayor

ATTEST: 

Beverly Rosete, Clerk