City of Sand Point

RESOLUTION 15-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SAND POINT OPPOSING THE DESIGNATION OF AN ALEUTIAN ISLAND NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

WHEREAS, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has opened a process to nominate potential national marine sanctuaries; and

WHEREAS, a collection of outside non-governmental organizations (NGOs) have nominated an area greater than the size of the State of Alaska to be potentially designated as 'Aleutian Islands National Marine Sanctuary' (AINMS); and

WHEREAS, the NOAA National Marine Sanctuary nomination process clearly states that 'Every Nomination Starts at the Community Level'; and

WHEREAS, there is no local support from our community for this nomination; and

WHEREAS, the potential designation of the AINMS would make all current restrictions to fishing and other commerce permanent, and would authorize further onerous permanent restrictions; and,

WHEREAS, the concerns identified in the proposal – overfishing, oil/gas development, invasive species and increased shipping – are already being addressed by multiple agencies, local governments, industry groups, and responsible business owners and operators:

WHEREAS, the local people who have been good stewards of this region for generations object to the audacity of those who propose to designate this vast area, our home, as a 'sanctuary'.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Sand Point opposes the designation of an Aleutian Island National Marine Sanctuary and urges NOAA to reject the nomination;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution will be forwarded to Governor Bill Walker, NOAA Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, Alaska Legislature, and to the Alaska Congressional Delegation.

PASSED AND APPROVED on the 13th day of January, 2015 by a duly constituted quorum of the Sand Point City Council.

CITY OF SAND POINT

Glen Gardner Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Shannon Sommer, City Clerk