



# Pribilof Island Usage and Occupancy (FY 2023, Second Quarter)

Report to Congress  
*July 31, 2023*



U.S. Coast Guard

# Foreword

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I am pleased to present the following report, “Pribilof Island Usage and Occupancy (FY 2023, Second Quarter),” 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 would be pleased to answer any questions you have, or your staff may contact my Senate Liaison Office at (202) 224-2913 or House Liaison Office at (202) 225-4775.

Sincerely,



Linda L. Fagan  
Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard  
Commandant





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# I. Legislative Language

This report responds to 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 equipment necessary to operate these antennae on Tract 43 of St. Paul Island, Alaska. Tract 43 is also used as a forward operating location for search and rescue response activities in the Bering Sea.

### Usage Data (January 01, 2023, through March 31, 2023)

Total number of visits: 0

### 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 Corporation<sup>1</sup> (TDX) on January 23, 2023, that the Coast Guard no longer has an operational need for the fuel tank.

### Transfer

On March 23, 2023, TDX notified the Coast Guard that it declined to accept ownership of the fuel tank located adjacent to Hangar 3 at the Saint Paul Airport (See Appendix). The Coast Guard previously initiated an Environmental Due Diligence Assessment (EDDA) to determine if the site requires remediation prior to lease termination. The EDDA determined there was a likely release of approximately 200 gallons of fuel. The Coast Guard issued a solicitation tank removal and spilled fuel remediation. Coast Guard anticipates awarding the contract in the next 90 days, with planned tank removal completed this construction season. Fuel contamination remediation should be completed by the end of summer 2024. The Coast Guard will terminate the lease at completion of environmental due diligence and successful fuel tank disposition.

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<sup>1</sup> 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: Correspondence From TDX Regarding the Fuel Tank Removal



March 23, 2023

United States Coast Guard  
Attn: Commander T. L. Torba  
Commanding Officer  
Civil Engineering Unit Juneau  
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Dear Commander Torba:

This is to follow up on my February 10, 2023, response to your letter to me dated January 23, 2023; our meeting with CAPT Dugan and other US Coast Guard leadership on February 16, 2023; and your letter to me dated March 1, 2023.

Having considered our February 16 discussion and the contents of your March 1 letter, including the 2018 Fuel Tank Assessment enclosed therewith, Tanadgusix Corporation, Inc. (TDX) hereby notifies the U.S. Coast Guard that TDX declines to accept ownership of the Coast Guard-owned fuel tank located adjacent to Hangar 3 at the Saint Paul Airport on the lot the Coast Guard leases from TDX under Lease No. HSCG89-17-1-0029.

Accordingly, I respectfully request that the Coast Guard remove the subject fuel tank at its earliest convenience, in accordance with the terms at Section 6, Section 12, and all other applicable terms and conditions of the lease. Please provide a schedule for the tank removal and any necessary remediation.

I respectfully suggest that TDX has subsidiary companies capable of removing the subject tank and performing remediation under contract with the Coast Guard. Our Small Business Administration 8(a) status affords the Coast Guard a streamlined procurement process at a reasonable price. Please let me know if you would like to discuss a service contract and I'll put you in contact with the cognizant members of our management team.

Please contact me if you have any questions. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christopher Mandregan, Jr.".

Christopher Mandregan, Jr.  
Chief Executive Officer