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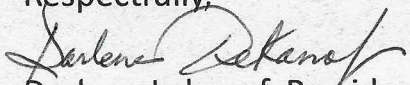
RE: Request for amendment to annual fur seal hunting dates.

Greetings Mr. Kurland,

To further enhance the community of St. George Island's tribal members subsistence use of the northern fur seal, the St. George Traditional Council is requesting that the tribe create an annual hunting season on St. George Island from October 15 through May. Through co-management conversations and review of the St. Paul Island Subsistence regulations, the tribe is seeking to adjust the St. George Island fur seal Hunting season in conjunction with St. Paul Island's fur seal hunting season for Equitable subsistence hunting opportunities. The current harvest quota of 500 fur Seals for St. George Island would not be altered upon this request.

Thanks for your consideration.

Respectfully,


Darlene Lekanof, President,
St. George Traditional Council