

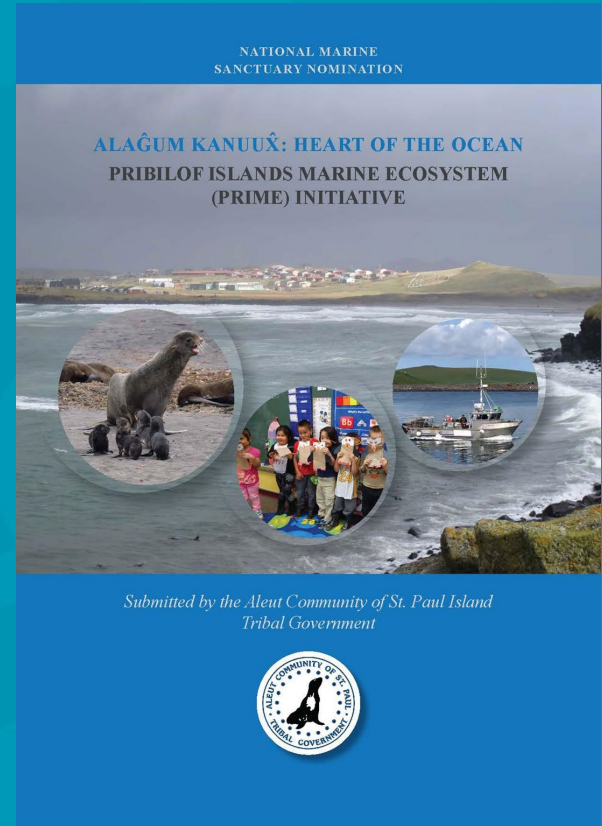


Alaġum Kanuux̂

Heart of the Ocean

National Marine Sanctuary Nomination

(pronunciation: ahl-ah-GOOM ka-NOH)



Presentation Overview



1. Overview of NOAA ONMS
1. Sanctuary Nomination Process
1. National Significance Criteria & Management Considerations
1. Alaġum Kanuux̂ nomination

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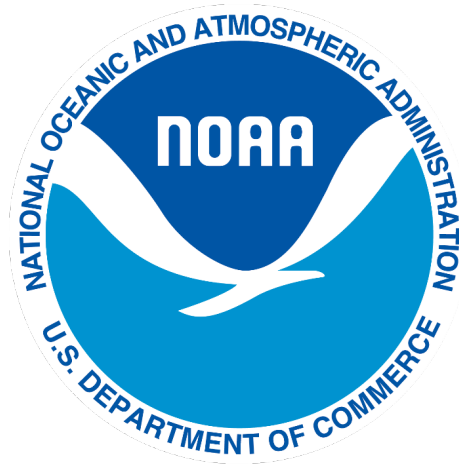


Papahānaumokuākea Marine
National Monument



Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale
National Marine Sanctuary

Our Organization



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National Marine Sanctuary System



Sanctuaries Carry Out Diverse Programs



- Resource Protection
- Cultural & Maritime Heritage
- Science – Research and Monitoring
- Education and Outreach
- Volunteers & Advisory Councils
- Water Quality
- Community Partnerships
- Promoting Recreation and Tourism



Principal Focus on Resource Protection



- Maintain balance between resource conservation and sustainable uses over time
- Employ innovative, community-based problem solving with a focus on non-regulatory solutions
- Regulations are customized to meet the needs, features of individual sanctuaries
- Can issue permits to allow certain activities
- Sanctuaries focus on compatible use
- Enforcement of laws and regulations involves education



Fishing in Sanctuaries



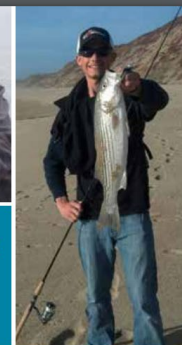
- Diverse fishing communities within each sanctuary and monument
- National Marine Sanctuaries Act (NMSA) requires NOAA to consider economic benefits and impacts of present and potential uses
- NMSA 304(a)(5) Developing Fishing Regulations
- All Sanctuary Advisory Councils include 1 to 3 council seats reserved for fishing interests

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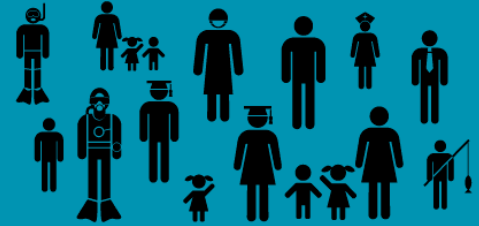
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Sanctuary Nominations – Process Steps



1. Community builds a Nomination
2. Community submits Nomination to ONMS
3. ONMS conducts initial sufficiency review
4. Review team convenes and reviews nomination against 11 criteria
5. Regional Director and PAPD Chief make recommendation to Director
6. Director accepts or declines nomination. If accepted, added to Inventory
7. If 5 years pass and Nominated Area does not move to Sanctuary Designation Process then a 5-year review is conducted to determine if site still meets criteria



11 NOAA Criteria & Considerations



- **National Significance Criteria:**

- 1: **Natural Resources**
- 2: **Heritage Resources**
- 3: **Socio-economic Importance**
- 4: **Public Benefit**

- **Management Considerations:**

- 1: **Research Opportunities**
- 2: **Education Opportunities**
- 3: **Threats**
- 4: **New Conservation Benefits**
- 5: **Supplemental Protection**
- 6: **Partner Commitments**
- 7: **Community Support**

Reminders About Evaluation Criteria



- No minimum number of national significance criteria
- No greater significance to any particular criterion
- Strongest nominations will provide a clear connection and focus on the national significance criteria most relevant to the goal and intent for the nominated area
- Nominations should provide information addressing all seven management considerations

Nomination Timeline of Alaġum Kanuux̂ (Heart of the Ocean)



December 17, 2021:

- Nomination submitted

January 21, 2022:

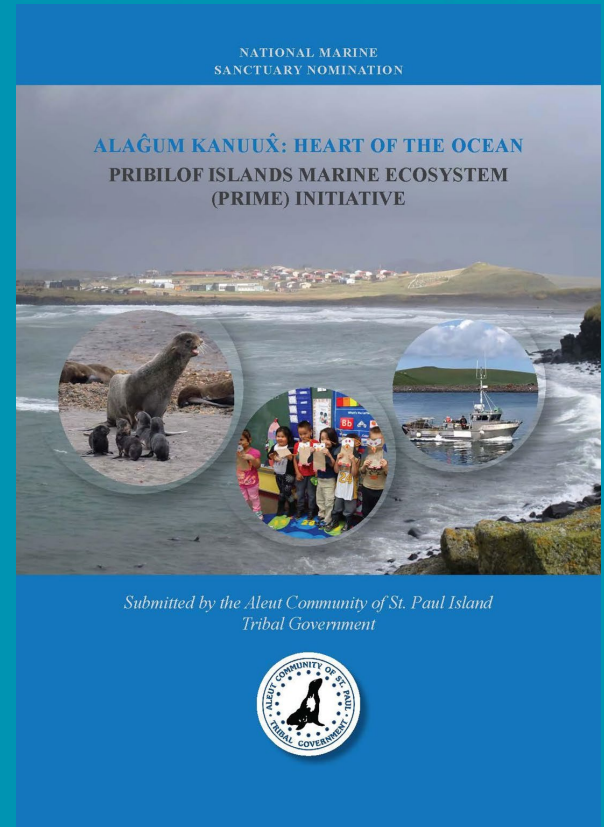
- Sufficiency Review complete

January - May 2022:

- Review Team met on Feb. 17
- Visit to St. George and St. Paul Islands
- Review & Analysis Conducted

June 8, 2022:

- Alaġum Kanuux̂ National Marine Sanctuary added to NOAA Inventory of Successful Nominations



Visit to St. George and St. Paul Islands



April 6, 2022:

- Community Meeting on St. George Island

April 7, 2022:

- Visit to St. Paul Island

Resulted in updated Alaġum Kanuux̂ nomination:

- Removed the proposed boundaries
- Removed implied commitments of the City of St. George and the St. George Traditional Council
- Included a letter of support from St. George community members



Moving from Inventory to Designation Process





Thank you