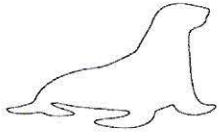
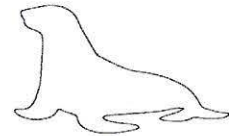


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Anne Marie Eich  
Assistant Regional Administrator, NOAA Alaska Region  
Submitted electronically via email to: [annmarie.eich@noaa.gov](mailto:annmarie.eich@noaa.gov)

**Re: Authorizing Northern Fur Seal Hunts in the AMMC region**

Aang, Greetings Dr. Eich:

The Aleut Marine Mammal Commission (AMMC) consists of 11 Tribes from Atka in the western Aleutians to Unga in the east. AMMC has been in discussion and collaboration with the Tribal Government of St. Paul Island and St. George Tribal Council regarding the legalization of Laaqudan (Northern Fur Seal) hunts in the AMMC region. The AMMC would like to respectfully request the legalization of laaqudaḡ hunts in our region from November 1 – April 30 with a total of no more than 100 Laaqudan hunted annually. AMMC has the support of all 11 member Tribes in the form of Tribal Resolutions. Additionally, the Tribal Governments in the Pribilofs are in favor of this endeavor and have been very transparent and helpful with these potential changes that are being requesting.

Thank you for your consideration with this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Shangin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Josephine Shangin, Executive Director  
Aleut Marine Mammal Commission