



Alaska District
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Civil Works Branch

Public Notice

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Draft Dredged Material Management Plan
and
Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact
for
Homer Small Boat Harbor and Coast Guard Dock
Homer, Alaska

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District has written a draft Dredged Material Management Plan (DMMP) and Environmental Assessment (EA) with a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) to improve disposal of dredged material from the Homer Small Boat Harbor entrance channel and the Coast Guard dock. These reports can be reviewed on the Corps of Engineers, Alaska District web page at: www.poa.usace.army.mil. Click on Civil Works and Planning and the reports will be listed under Documents Available for Public Review-Reports and Environmental Documents.

The Corps proposes to draft a Project Corporation Agreement (PCA) with City of Homer and construct the material disposal site improvements in 2008.

The existing disposal site does not have a sufficient dewatering area to meet State of Alaska water quality standards for turbidity, and a larger dewatering area that will meet water quality standards must be built. The new site will be built on the existing dredged material storage site on the north side of the harbor. Disposal directly to the north site will eliminate the need to haul dewatered material from the existing site to the north site for temporary storage. Material dredged from the entrance channel and Coast Guard dock is composed mostly of uncontaminated sand and gravel of high porosity and is suitable for beneficial use on the Homer Spit. The City of Homer coordinates beneficial uses of the dredged material.

This action will not affect endangered species, wetlands, or cultural resources in the area. The purpose of this construction is to dispose of sand and gravel dredged from the Homer small boat harbor entrance channel and Coast Guard dock for a minimum of 20 years.

Please submit comments regarding the proposed action to the address below no later than 30 days from the date of this public notice. No public meeting for this action is scheduled. If you believe a public meeting is needed, please explain in writing why a meeting is necessary and mail it to the address below during the 30-day review period. The DMMP and FONSI will be signed upon review of comments received and resolution of significant objections.

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