



City of Homer

www.cityofhomer-ak.gov

Port and Harbor

4311 Freight Dock Road
Homer, AK 99603

port@cityofhomer-ak.gov

(p) 907-235-3160

(f) 907-235-3152

October 23, 2019

Alaska District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
ATTN: CEPOA-PM-C
P.O. Box 6898
Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, AK 99506-0898

To Whom It May Concern:

This is in reference to the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers' Planning Assistance to States Program. We understand that the provisions of Section 22 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1974, as amended, provides authority for the Corps to assist in the development, use, and conservation of water and related resources.

The City of Homer requests planning assistance from the Corps - Alaska District to provide data collection, planning, and study services, and to provide recommendations related to the Homer Spit Erosion Mitigation and Management Plan.

This effort would be in support of the State's Hazard Mitigation Plan as listed below:

OPTION 2 (Erosion Hazard):

Goal 5.9.3 Goals, Objectives, and Actions for Erosion:

Goal 1: Identify erosion prone areas

Objective 1.1: Identify erosion prone areas in communities and their erosion rates, including long and short term, maximum and the causes. Incorporate this information into hazard mitigation planning.

Action 1.1.1: Support and fund local community erosion studies and incorporate them into their hazard mitigation planning.

Lead: DNR/DGGS, DCCED, and USACE

Support: NRCS, DHS&EM

The City of Homer's interest in a long term erosion management plan for the Homer Spit is directly tied to protecting the Homer Spit's role in marine commerce, transportation, and the support of the vessels and businesses that provide both. The Homer Spit is a valuable land asset to both the community and the State as a transportation hub. We feel this interest to protect the Spit and mitigate erosion hazards parallels the State's Hazard Mitigation Plan's goal of identifying erosion prone areas in communities and incorporating this information into hazard mitigation planning.

We would like to discuss the availability of information, required schedule, and level of effort required to negotiate a cost-sharing agreement to initiate a Section 22 study. We understand a rough cost estimate for such a study is \$ 100,000. Our staff would work with the Corps to develop the detailed scope, schedule, and

budget for the study. The budget developed would be the basis for entering into an agreement between the City of Homer and the Corps. The study would be cost shared at 50/50; the non-Federal share of a \$100,000 study would be \$50,000. We further understand the non-Federal share can be provided in cash and/or work-In-kind (WIK) services as long as the WIK services occur after the agreement is signed.

Please contact me at your earliest convenience to arrange a further discussion of this request.

Best,

Bryan Hawkins
Homer Harbormaster/Port Director