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John K Handeland, Mayor
City of Nome
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Dear Mayor Handeland:

USACE has studied the Nome Inner Harbor to address congestion and depth limitations under the Continuing Authorities Program (CAP) and is unable to find a solution within statutory and policy limitations.

The Department of the Army and the City of Nome signed a Feasibility Cost Share Agreement (FCSA) on May 6, 2020 to initiate the study, which was conducted under authority granted by Section 107 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1960 (Public Law 86-645), as amended (33 U.S.C. 577).

The existing complexities of the Nome Inner Harbor are beyond what can be adequately addressed under CAP authority. As no viable solution could be found, per the terms of the FCSA Article IV, USACE is required to terminate the Nome Inner Harbor CAP Section 107 study.

Given the ongoing need to address congestion and depth limitations of the Inner Harbor, the City of Nome can work with the Alaska Congressional Delegation to pursue a General Investigations study, which looks for solutions that Congress can specifically authorize.

If you require further information, please contact the Project Manager, Leif Hammes, at (907) 753-5628, or by email at Leif.E.Hammes@usace.army.mil.

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