



January 20, 2026

Colonel Jeffrey Palazzini
Civil Works Branch
Alaska District, USACE
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JBER, Alaska 99506-0898

Re: General Investigations Study

Dear Colonel Palazzini,

The Petersburg Borough is requesting a general investigations study or assistance from the USACE from another applicable program to look at developing a harbor basin and breakwater along Borough owned property in Scow Bay.

Harbors are vital for the Petersburg economy, and our three-harbor system is at full capacity with a waiting list for seasonal and permanent moorage. This impacts our ability to attract and retain new businesses, as well as provide increased support for the US Coast Guard. The protected nature of the harbors coupled with the centralized location of Petersburg has long been a factor in a consistent customer base. Future growth will depend upon moorage availability.

The Borough's downtown waterfront has been fully utilized with no available area for future development therefore Scow Bay has been identified as a logical choice for harbor facility expansion. Phase one of the development plans for Scow Bay, a haul out and boat yard, is now fully funded and we anticipate construction beginning in the next year. With phase one funded, we are ready to begin working with the Corps to plan for the next phase – a harbor facility.

On behalf of the Petersburg Borough, I request the Alaska District initiate a study to construct a harbor basin, breakwater and all navigation features needed for a future harbor for Petersburg.

Sincerely,

Bob Lynn
Mayor
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Borough Administration

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