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ALASKA BASELINE EROSION ASSESSMENT

Erosion Information Paper – Sand Point, Popof Island, Alaska

Current as of September 12, 2007

Community Information

Sand Point, population 890, is on Humboldt Harbor on Popof Island. It is a 1st class city, on the northwestern shore of Popof Island, 570 miles from Anchorage, in the Aleutians East Borough. Popof Island is in the Shumagin Islands off the south coast of the Alaska Peninsula. No OMB Community Erosion survey was completed, but an interview was held with the Sand Point city administrator.

Description of Erosion Problem

Sand Point's shoreline is rocky and irregular, comprised primarily of cliffs and bluffs. Much of Sand Point is confined to a 1-mile-long, ½-mile-wide hilly peninsula that extends into Popof Strait and forms Humboldt Harbor. There are few naturally protected bays on the island. A manmade breakwater protects the existing boat harbor at the mouth of Humboldt Slough. The Sand Point city manager reported no erosion problems.

Potential Damages

No potential damages were reported to the Sand Point city administrator.

Photos and Diagrams

No community photos have been provided. No diagram has been prepared because no erosion problems have been reported.

References

USACE. 2007. *Personal interview with Paul Day, Sand Point city manager*, September 12, 2007. Conducted by Tetra tech, Inc., on behalf of the Alaska District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Additional Information

This information paper, as well as those for other communities, can be accessed on the internet at www.alaskaerosion.com. For more information please contact the Corps of Engineers project manager at (907) 753-5694 or email Alaska.Erosion.POA@usace.army.mil