Community Information
King Island, also called Ukivok (OO-Q-Vok), has no permanent recorded population and is 40 miles west of Cape Douglas in the Bering Sea, south of Wales. The island is primarily precipitous rock, 700 feet high and approximately 1 mile long. The village is on the side of a south-facing bluff. King Island is unincorporated in the unorganized borough. The community members, called King Islanders, no longer reside on the island. In the early 1960's, social and economic pressures and opportunities persuaded island residents to relocate to Nome. Former King Island residents visit King Island in the spring and summer months to hunt walrus, pursue other subsistence activities, and maintain dwellings.

Description of Erosion Problem
In the community erosion survey, the respondent indicates there are no problems with erosion on King Island. The erosion that does occur is due to natural events and does not adversely affect any structures or facilities. The structures are far from erosion areas, so any damage to structures is due to the normal process of “wear and tear” from the weather. Structures on the island are used by the community for subsistence in the summer.

Potential Damages
None reported during the community survey.

Photos and Diagrams
The attached photo of King Island village is provided from the Kawerak website. A diagram of King Island is also attached, but no erosion areas are shown.

References
Kawerak Inc. 2007. Kawerak website information on King Island: http://www.kawerak.org/tribalHomePages/kingIsland/index.html

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
Photo 1: King Island village photo courtesy of Kawerak Inc., No photo date available.
NOTE: The extent of erosion shown on this figure is based on interviews with the community. This data has not been field verified. This figure is only intended to show areas of erosion, not rates or severity of erosion.

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Extent of Erosion