



Alaska District
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

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Environmental Resources Section

Public Notice

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District (Corps) has prepared a 404(b)(1) Analysis for the following project:

Revetment Replacement
Ninilchik Small Boat Harbor
Ninilchik, Alaska

Ninilchik, Alaska, is approximately 100 miles south of Anchorage on the eastern shore of Cook Inlet, in a narrow valley formed by the Ninilchik River. The small community of Ninilchik occupies land around the mouth of the Ninilchik River and the plateau overlooking the river valley. The harbor, constructed in 1961, is designed to provide moorage for 32 vessels; however, over 100 fishing vessels are known to use the harbor during peak use in the summer. The seaward side of the harbor is protected by a revetment, constructed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) in the 1960s and 1970s, comprised of timber, concrete, wire rope, and metal barrels along approximately 1,200 feet of shoreline.

The existing revetment has exceeded its service life and is in a rapidly deteriorating state. The purpose of this project is to replace the timber/concrete revetment with a new, multi-layer rock revetment. Most of the work would be located above Mean High Water (+18.6 feet MHW), but about one-third of the fill would be located below MHW. The portion below MHW is the subject of the 404(b)(1) analysis.

The 404(b)(1) analysis is available for 30 days from the date of this notice on the Alaska District's website at: www.poa.usace.army.mil. To access this document: click on the "Reports and Studies" tab, under "Documents Available for Review," and then click on "Operations and Maintenance". Please submit comments regarding the proposed action to Christopher.A.Hoffman@usace.army.mil or to the address below.

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

No public meeting is scheduled for this action. If you believe a meeting should be held, please send a written request to the above address during the 30-day review period explaining why you believe a meeting is necessary.

Notice is hereby given that the Corps will be applying for State Water Quality certification from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC). ADEC may certify there is a reasonable assurance that this proposed action and any discharge that might result will comply with the Clean Water Act, Alaska Water Quality Standards and other applicable State laws. ADEC's certification may authorize a mixing zone and/or a short-term variance under 18 AAC 70. ADEC may also deny or waive certification.

Anyone that desires to comment on this proposed action with respect to water quality certification may submit written comments to ADEC at the address below within 30 days from the date of this notice.

Alaska Department of Environmental
Conservation WQM/401 Certification
555 Cordova Street
Anchorage, AK 99501-2617
Telephone: (907) 269-7564
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For additional information about the proposed project, please contact Chris Hoffman of the Environmental Resources Section at (907) 753-5524, at the above email or Corps postal address.

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