



Alaska District
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Environmental Resources Section

Public Notice

Date 25 August 2023 Identification No. ER-PN-23-004
Please refer to the identification number when replying.

Operation and Maintenance Activities

St. Paul Harbor, St. Paul Island, Alaska

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District (USACE) proposes to (1) dredge the main entrance channel, main maneuvering area, small boat harbor entrance channel, small boat harbor mooring and maneuvering area, and sediment management area, (2) repair the main breakwater energy dissipation reefs, and (3) construct channel scour protection in the main entrance channel and small boat harbor entrance channel. The dredged material would be placed in upland locations to be used beneficially by the City of Saint Paul.

USACE collected harbor sediment and placement area soil for chemical testing in August 2023. Pending the results of the chemical testing, USACE will request the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation issue a Certificate of Reasonable Assurance under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, Alaska Water Quality Standards, and other applicable state laws.

Information on the proposed action and anticipated environmental effects are discussed in the attached environmental assessment (EA) and unsigned Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), which are available for public review and comment at the following the USACE website: <https://www.poa.usace.army.mil/Library/Reports-and-Studies/>. The EA can be found in “Operations and Maintenance” under “Documents Available for Review”. The comment period will be closed 30 days from the date of this notice. All comments received on or before this date will become part of the official record. The FONSI will be signed upon review of comments received and resolution of significant concerns.

Please send electronic comments on the EA to Matthew.W.Ferguson@usace.army.mil. Written comments may also be sent to the following address:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District
ATTN: CEPOA-PM-C-ER (Ferguson)
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.

Please contact Mr. Matthew Ferguson of the Environmental Resources Section via his email address (Matthew.W.Ferguson@usace.army.mil), his phone (907-753-2711), or write to him through the Corps' address if you would like additional information concerning the proposed project

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