

Boat harbor plans progressing

In response to the need for economic development on St. George Island, the St. George Tanaq Corporation Board of Directors working together with the St. George Community Council have lobbied long and hard to inform State and Federal officials of the Community's need for a small boat harbor. As a result, Governor Bill Sheffield has provided considerable support for the St. George boat harbor project. His efforts on behalf of the people of St. George Island have been invaluable. With the Federal withdrawal close at hand, construction of the harbor at the soonest possible date is vital to the success of the fishing industry on St. George Island.

The status of the project looks promising. To date, the State of Alaska has appropriated \$8.8 million towards construction of the harbor. Peratrovich, Nottingham, & Drage, Inc., engineers for the project, estimate the total cost at approximately \$15.3 million, \$1.2 million of the funds allocated have been spent on engineering and design considerations. The plans are 99.9% percent complete and have been submitted to the Department of Transportation (DOT/PF) for review.

While the Department of Transportation's review process can sometimes be quite lengthy, the Tanaq Corporation is doing everything possible to expedite

matters. The effect of environmental considerations as well as the extraordinary circumstances now facing the residents of St. George Island dictate the necessity

of such action.

The St. George Tanaq Corporation is currently seeking private funding sources for the additional \$7.5 million needed to complete the project.

