

Would Help Fishery— **RurAL-CAP Supports Homer Dock Extension**

RurAL CAP has just reviewed and supported an application from the City of Homer to the Economic Development Administration for the extension of their existing public dock.

The City of Homer has made great strides toward rebuilding itself since the disastrous earthquake of 1964, but there is still no question that unemployment, both in Homer and the surrounding area still remains a problem.

One of the major factors in unemployment is that fishermen in the area do not have the physical facilities necessary to maintain and continue an adequate

fishery.

Fishermen in the area, as a significant percentage of the population would greatly benefit if there were a dock at Homer capable of handling a fishery.

The other important part of the Homer Dock application is that it would keep the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter IRONWOOD in Homer, which is not only responsible for a great deal of direct employment in the community and the surrounding area, but also injects a sizeable sum of money into the area.

The Coast Guard performs many vital services, particularly to fishermen and the removal of this ship might someday be tragically counted in loss of lives.