

# \$1.5 million in erosion control secured for Western Alaska

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Alaska Congressional delegation today announced that \$1.5 million for emergency erosion control projects will be awarded to Bethel, Dillingham and Galena.

The delegation was informed by Bob Dawson, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, that the Army Corps of Engineers had agreed to expedite the funding, which the delegation had requested.

The \$1.5 million will be used to purchase additional rip rap — a rock foundation — at Mission Road in Bethel; to relocate water and sewer lines in Dillingham; and to increase the protection of state erosion projects already in progress in Galena.

“It’s encouraging that the Corps

recognized the harmful effects the erosion problems has had on Bethel, Galena and Dillingham and understood their urgent need for emergency funding,” Sen. Frank Murkowski said.

“Funding for these erosion control projects is an important step in solving a long-standing problem,” Sen. Ted Stevens said. “These projects are unique to Alaska under a special agreement with the Corps of Engineers.”

“I’m pleased that the Corps of Engineers has responded in a timely fashion,” Congressman Don Young said. “This emergency funding will go a long way in eliminating a serious problem in Bethel, Galena and Dillingham.”