

# Alyeska Pipeline to Dredge

A navigable channel between Port Valdez and Shoup Bay is proposed to be dredged by the Alyeska Pipeline Service Company. The channel is needed to enable barges to enter Shoup Bay.

These barges will carry spoil from the Valdez pipeline terminal for wasting in Shoup Bay. Authority for this activity is being processed by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Alyeska has applied to the Corps of Engineers for a permit to

dredge the channel and dispose of the material in the bay, which is approximately 8.4 miles west of Valdez.

A barge-mounted crane using a clamshell bucket would dredge approximately 150,000 cubic meters of fine mud material in the shoaled entrance to Shoup Bay. Alyeska proposes to begin the work in November and continue until the channel is established.

This channel would be dredged a minimum of 250 feet wide, 1,200 feet long, and to a depth of

20 feet below mean lower low water. The shoal material will be placed in a bottom dump barge and then be moved by tug to the proposed disposal site.

Interested parties are requested to submit in writing any comments they may have to the proposed work to reach the Alaska District, Corps of Engineers, ATTN: Regulatory Functions Branch, P.O. Box 7002, Anchorage, Alaska 99510, not later than October 31 to insure consideration.