

Nome Harbor Was Hard Hit

Nome's boat harbor was hard hit in the recent storm when an adjacent sand spit partially eroded under the force of waves and washed over the harbor revetments.

The entrance channel to the harbor was plugged with 50,000 to 75,000 cubic yards of shoaled material. As much of the material as possible must be removed before the rapidly approaching freezeup to shorten the time it will take to open the facility after breakup next spring.

The Alaska District, Corps of Engineers is letting emergency contracts to get front-loading trucks, bulldozers and dragline equipment to clear the harbor entrance. Some of the work has already begun and the effort should be fully operative by Saturday, November 23.

John Breckon, Nome Harbor Project Officer, is being aided by Billy Joe Adams, Dillingham Harbor Project Officer, in the survey of the Corps built and maintained harbor facility.

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Alaska District, Norm Sundby, Joe Janke, Russ Oyster and Pat Beaugard, are in Nome assisting the Federal Disaster Assistance Administration by preparing individual Damage Survey Reports which are used to determine extent of damage and the amount of Federal Funding to be made.

Major Joseph Hurst, officer in charge, and Bob Lyle of the District are coordinating Corps activity in Nome. Lyle is no stranger to Nome, having served as city engineer there in 1936.