



## Public discussion on boat harbor September 4

Public discussion on three preliminary sites for a new small boat harbor at Dillingham is invited at the Corps of Engineers workshop September 4, 1980. The meeting will be in City Hall Council Chambers at 7:30 p.m. when the Corps will present the harbor site alternatives that resulted from the recently completed Corps reconnaissance study made at the city of Dillingham's request last year.

Public comment on the alternatives and the report will help determine which harbor improvements are feasible and which alternative would best satisfy the needs of the people of Dillingham. Of several potential ways to improve harbor facilities, the three to be highlighted are: to modify the existing harbor; to use floating breakwaters to provide additional protected areas; and to build a new harbor at Squaw Creek.

To assist the Corps in the study, workshop participants will be asked for such specific information as: boat owners' operating costs, cost of any damage and/or fishing time lost because of existing harbor conditions, and the number of boats lost or damaged due to lack of refuge from bad weather.

Information from the workshop discussions will be used

by the Corps to evaluate alternative plans for economic feasibility and environmental and public acceptability. The meeting will also be an opportunity for the public to suggest other alternatives that may have been overlooked and to provide input to any related environmental concerns.

For further information or to send in written comments about the Dillingham harbor problems, contact Mr. Orson Smith, project manager, at the Alaska District, Corps of Engineers, P.O. Box 7002, Anchorage, Alaska 99510 or telephone 752-3432.