

Huge Omnibus Rivers and Harbors Act to Bring \$117 Million to Alaska

The 1968 Omnibus Rivers and Harbors and Flood Control and River Basin Authorization Act was signed into law August 13, 1968, thus authorizing the Army Corps of Engineers to construct, modify or otherwise participate in flood control, navigation, water conservation and other water resources projects at an estimated cost to the Federal government of \$1.2 billion.

Alaska's share of this huge authorization amounts to \$117 million, almost 10% of the total authorization.

The four Alaska projects in this years authorization include three navigation projects: Kake Harbor, Breakwaters, \$1,760,000; King Cove Harbor, Channel and Anchorage area, \$522,000; Sergius and Whitestone Narrows, Deep Draft Channel, \$3,030,000 and the Tanana River Flood Control Project at Fairbanks comprising dams, levees and pumping plant in the amount of \$111,700,000.

Congress appropriated \$1.2 billion for fiscal year 1969 for Civil Works functions of the Army Corps of Engineers. Of the 271 Projects included in this appropriation, 23 Alaska Projects were funded.

These include \$4,850,000 for construction of the Snettisham Power Project, operation and maintenance of navigation projects: Anchorage Harbor, \$100,000; Dillingham Harbor, \$25,000; Homer Harbor, \$55,000; Nome Harbor, \$75,000;

Seldovia Harbor, \$55,000; Stikine River, \$10,000; and Wrangell Harbor, \$125,000; \$49,000 is included for Advanced Engineering and Design for the Bradley Lake Project and \$9,700 for a restudy of Meyers Chuck Harbor.

Funds for General investigation for the following navigation projects were also included: Bethel, \$19,000; Cape Nome, \$40,000; Dry Straits-Wrangell Narrows, \$35,000; Gastineau Channel, \$30,000; Kamishak-Iniskin Bay Harbor, \$10,000; Kobuk River, \$25,000; Kodiak Harbor, \$25,000; Knudson Cove, \$20,000;

Metlakatla Harbor, \$20,000;

Raspberry Narrows, \$20,000; Seldovia Harbor, Watch Point \$5,000; \$25,000 for investigation of Beach Erosion Project at Dillingham and \$10,000 for Flood Control at Unalakleet.