

Mayor: Local hire alive in St. George

The Pribilof Island village of St. George has used its own workforce and a unique design to manage and build a \$17 million boat harbor critical to the economic success of the Aleut community, project officials said.

"Local hire and a commitment to economic independence are alive and well in St. George," said Mayor Maxim Malavansky.

More than half of the employees on the state-funded harbor project are local residents, including heavy equipment operators, divers and engineering, administrative and management staff.

Local technical staff, hired by project engineers Peratrovich, Nottingham & Drage Inc., have operated sophisticated survey instruments, while administrative staff have established computer programs for

payroll and cost reporting requirements.

"This successful project will help Alaskanize our booming bottomfish industry and is solid proof that local hire is good business," said Gov. Steve Cowper. The state put \$5.7 million into the project this year.

The harbor includes a unique "berm type" breakwater, a dredged basin, docks, floats, boat ramp, roads, water and sewer lines and a fuel dock and tank farm. The project is scheduled to be essentially completed by January 1988.

The berm type breakwater has attracted international attention because of its versatility, economics and construction ease. Brent Drage, principal designer of the harbor, is in China participating in an international symposium on breakwater construction.

