

Stevens Asks Bethel Repairs

Alaska's senior senator has called on two federal departments to assist in making emergency bulkhead repairs at Bethel.

Senator Ted Stevens, in letters to Interior Secretary Rogers C.B. Morton and Health, Education and Welfare Secretary Elliot Richardson, asked for the cooperation of their departments.

"Businesses, homes and various government headquarters facilities have and will continue to bear the brunt of the flood disasters," he said.

Stevens said that the Army Corps of Engineers has decided that the project is not economically feasible.

The senator said he had written the other departments because of their vital interest in Bethel and its residents.

"Each flood will result in heavier losses and seriously endanger the Bethel area," Senator Stevens added.

