

Borough for Ft. Yukon Bulkhead

The North Star Borough Assembly has asked the State of Alaska to construct a bulkhead on the Yukon River to protect the village of Fort Yukon from the river's erosion.

In a resolution introduced by Terry Miller, the Assembly's presiding officer, the Borough Assembly asked that HB 221 be enacted. HB 221 appropriates \$200,000 for the construction of the bulkhead.

The bill was introduced by Rep. Sig Wold, a Fairbanks Republican, at the request of Fort Yukon residents. It is presently in the House Finance Committee.

Miller told the assembly that, "Without some protection, Fort Yukon faces substantial public and private property loss. Action now would remove Fort Yukon from danger."

Miller also stated, "Fairbanks, as the population and commercial center of Interior Alaska, has a responsibility to assist its neighboring communities. The people of Fort Yukon deserve our support in their efforts to erase this threat to their community."

Fort Yukon has been threatened by erosion for the past several years. Each year the river moves closer to the village and is presently within a few hundred feet of their school. The village has issued several pleas for aid.