MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER, PACIFIC OCEAN DIVISION (CEPOD-PDC)


1. Section 5033 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2007, Public Law 110-114, authorizes the Secretary to carry out on an emergency basis, necessary removal of rubble, sediment, and rock impeding the entrance to the St. Herman’s and St. Paul Harbors, Kodiak, Alaska, at a Federal cost of $2,000,000. A copy of Section 5033 is enclosed for your information.

2. The Alaska District of the Pacific Ocean Division identified a need to perform dredging of the north St. Herman's Harbor and St. Paul Harbor entrance channels to restore the channels to their authorized depths. Work is required as a result of glacial rebound that has caused the entrance channel depths to rise as much as 1.3 feet in some areas. Subject to the availability of funds, the Alaska District is approved to utilize a maximum of $2,000,000 in Operation and Maintenance funds, as authorized to dredge the entrance channels to the north St. Herman’s and St. Paul Harbors. Environmental compliance analysis and documents and plans and specifications are to be completed prior to any construction contract awards.

3. For the St. Herman’s Harbor south entrance, where the jetties purportedly are too close together, the Alaska District should prepare a Section 216 Initial Appraisal report identifying the need, problems, and opportunities, and determine whether preparation of a decision document or feasibility report would be appropriate and whether physical model testing would be required. Upon completion of the Section 216 Initial Appraisal, the POD RIT should be notified of the results and the proposed course of action. The POD RIT will coordinate the findings of the report with HQUSACE staff to determine if any additional guidance is required.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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