



# HOMER HARBOR EXPANSION

Feasibility Study/General Investigation

Project Fact Sheet

## EXPLORING A HARBOR FOR HOMER'S PRESENT AND FUTURE

The need to improve the safety and capacity of Homer's harbor has become more apparent than ever. With an economy grounded in marine trades, a commitment to preserve the natural beauty and environment of Kachemak Bay, and a pledge to foster a sustainable future for our community, it is our goal to work together so Homer continues to thrive for generations to come.

### ABOUT THE STUDY

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), in partnership with the City of Homer (City), has launched a general investigation study to assess the feasibility of building a new harbor to improve safety and better accommodate large vessels.

With the help of the Homer community, USACE developed an initial array of alternative designs and is advancing those designs through a robust screening process that includes, among other criteria, an environmental review, an economic feasibility assessment, and community input. The alternatives review phase is expected to last about 9 months.

### ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENT

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process, including an initial environmental background and baseline review, will be a critical component of the study and decision-making process. The review will identify potential impacts, both positive and negative. USACE is hosting members of the Homer community in an Environmental Stakeholder Working Group (ESWG) to help facilitate collecting input from some of the community's key environmentally focused organizations. The harbor design alternatives will be reviewed in the context of collected environmental data, and the ESWG's input will serve as one important data source. You can learn more about NEPA and the environmental process by typing "a citizen's guide to NEPA" in your favorite search engine.

### GOALS

The general investigation phase is meant to identify a realistic and right-sized solution for Homer's harbor that meets the needs of harbor users, thoughtfully plans for future flexibility, and enhances the Homer community while maintaining environmental integrity. Check out the [Homer Harbor Expansion Charter Document](#) for a detailed list of expansion goals and objectives.

### HARBOR DEMAND: WHY HOMER?

**The Homer Port and Harbor, built in 1964, is busting at the seams.** A combination of increased use, larger vessels, and safety concerns has prompted the City to partner with the USACE to thoroughly examine the current and future needs of the harbor for a better tomorrow.



Demand for moorage exceeds the harbor's capacity, and more than 400 small and medium vessels are on the harbor's stall waitlist.



Between 2008 and 2018, the local fishing fleet grew by more than 42 percent.



Large marine vessels are currently being moored three abreast due to space limitations.



Vessel sizes are increasing, some with lengths that exceed the harbor's largest stalls.



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