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No Historic Properties Affected
Alaska State Historic Preservation Officer
Date. 1.9.12
File No. 3130-1R CDE

Dear Ms. Bittner:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District (Corps), in partnership with the Denali Commission, is proposing navigation improvements and maintenance at the small boat harbor in Bethel, Alaska (Section 10, T8N, R71W, USGS Quadrangle Bethel D-8; figure 1). The purpose of this letter is to notify your office of this undertaking and to seek your concurrence on a determination of effect.

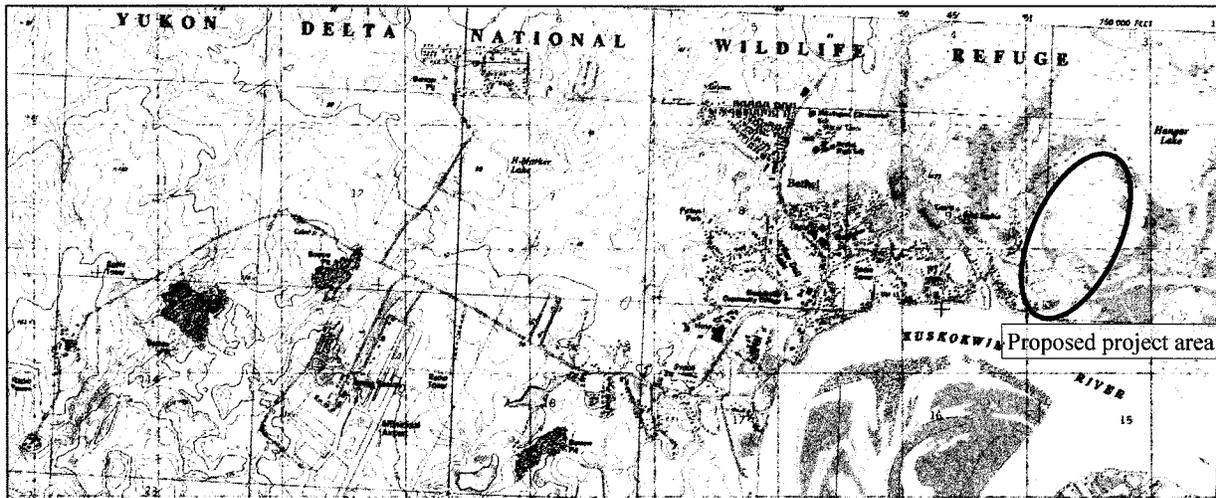


Figure 1. Project location (Section 10, T8N, R71W, USGS Quad Bethel D-8).

Project Description

The proposed project would include dredging the existing entrance and maneuvering channels, dredging the mooring basin, installing and/or improving the harbor bank protection and rock revetments, and replacing two existing boat ramps (figure 2). Existing utilities such as power poles, culverts, and float approach piers would not be disturbed. The area of potential effect for this undertaking would be the existing small boat harbor, the banks of the harbor and entrance channel, a dredged material disposal area, and a winter access road (see figure 2). No indirect effects are anticipated. Dredging would take place in the winter, while replacement of the boat ramps and bank protection would occur the following summer.