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Introduced: 2/21/85  
Referred: Transportation  
and Finance

Funding Information  
General Fund \$4,500,000  
Other Funds -0-  
\$4,500,000

1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE BILL NO. 180

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

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For an Act entitled: "An Act making a special appropriation for payment as  
7 a grant to the City of Valdez for phase II con-  
8 struction of the commercial boat harbor and for  
9 improvements to the small boat harbor; and providing  
10 for an effective date."

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

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\* Section 1. The sum of \$4,500,000 is appropriated from the general  
13 fund for payment as a grant to the City of Valdez for phase II construction  
14 of the commercial boat harbor and for improvements to the small boat har-  
15 bor.

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\* Sec. 2. The appropriation made by this Act shall be disbursed in  
17 accordance with AS 37.05.315.

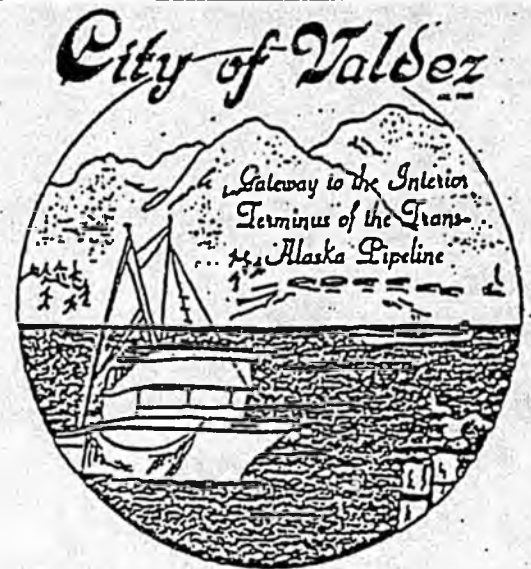
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\* Sec. 3. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.-  
19 10.070(c).

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**FUNDING REQUEST FOR  
VALDEZ COMMERCIAL BOAT  
HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS**



Commercial fishing and fish processing are developing into significant renewable industries in the City of Valdez. Advances in aquaculture, fisheries management, bottom fishing and fish processing offer even greater potential for the future.

According to a recent study commissioned by the City, commercial fishing can and should develop at a steady rate consistent with the resource and the ability of fishermen, processors and the market to efficiently utilize resources.

Economics of fish processing, marketing and fisheries related business are sensitive to initial capitalization such as good harbors, adequate uplands, handling facilities and docks. Jointly used facilities which lower annual costs of capitalization are an attraction to business and with availability there is more chance of business growth and success.

The City of Valdez has established general annual capital improvement priorities specifically directed toward improving commercial fishing and other harbor use activities. The City is also reviewing long range harbor expansion goals, which will be consistent and mesh with development as it happens.

The program for 1985 - 1986 is limited to the priority items discussed on the following pages.

**FUNDING REQUEST**

FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS AND GRANTS

FY 86

<u>CITY PRIORITY</u>	<u>PROPOSED PROJECT</u>	<u>DISTRICT 6 APPROPRIATION</u>	<u>PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY THE CITY OF VALDEZ AND AGENCY REQUESTING FUNDS</u>
1	Commercial Boat Harbor - Phase II/Small Boat Harbor Improvements	4,500,000	--
2	Prince William Sound Community College Classroom/Office Building	2,000,000*	9,834,000 University of Alaska
3	Valdez Heritage Center Expansion	2,500,000	--
4	Ice Skating Arena	2,500,000	--
5	National Guard Armory	--	1,300,000 Department of Military Affairs
6	New Jail Addition	--	675,000 Department of Corrections
7	Richardson Highway Improvements	--	23,100,000 Department of Transportation
8	Subdivision of the Valdez Industrial Park	288,000	--
9	Small Boat Harbor Grid	--	750,000 Department of Transportation
10	Handicap Curbs	-40,000	--
11	Dayville Road Boat Ramp	<u>150,000</u>	<u>                    </u>
	Total project funding requested by the City of Valdez	\$ 9,978,000	
	Total project funding supported by the City of Valdez		\$ 35,659,000

\* Note: First priority is that funding come from University funding. However, if not appropriated from University, then City requests \$2,000,000 as a direct appropriation to funding Phase I of Prince William Sound Community College.

REQUEST FOR FUNDING FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS/GRANTS

FISCAL YEAR 1986

Location Valdez Election District 6

Project Title Commercial Boat Harbor Improvements

Community Priority Number 1 of 11

Agency Responsible \_\_\_\_\_

State or Local (Responsibility) Local

<u>COST ESTIMATES</u>		<u>REQUESTED FUNDING</u>	
Site Acquisition	\$ <u>-0-</u>	General Fund	\$ <u>4,500.000</u>
Planning and Design	\$ <u>750,000</u>	Federal (source)	\$ _____
Construction and Equip	\$ <u>3,750,000</u>	Other (source; local, etc...)	\$ _____
Other	\$ _____	Total	\$ <u>4,500.000</u>

Previous Appropriations and Years \$3,000,000 FY 85/1984, slope revision, dock

Maintenance/Operating Cost (First Year) \$50,000

(Annual) \$50,000

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION Estimated Starting Date June 1985

Completion Jan. 1986 (Explain physical product and operational activities, if this project is one phase or multi-phase. Briefly describe the entire project, attach any backup materials, maps, surveys, etc.)

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In order to meet the immediate demands of the growing commercial fishing industry in the City of Valdez, we have had to utilize a portion of our small boat harbor which is referred to as Valdez Commercial Boat Harbor, Phase I and approved by the state in 1984.

As a part of the Commercial Boat Harbor, Phase I, it is necessary to provide small vessel slips as identified on the attached drawing and labelled Number 6.

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1985 - 1986 PROJECT BUDGET

Harbor Dredging and Land Fill	\$ 1,500,000
Float Modifications	300,000
Drain System	200,000
Bilge and Waste Oil Disposal Systems	100,000
Slip Improvements	<u>2,400,000</u>
Total Project Budget	\$ 4,500,000

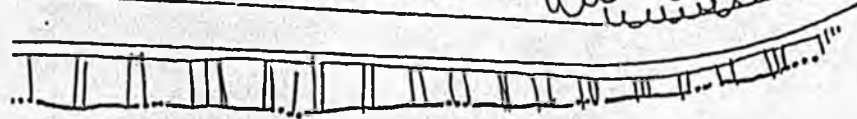
PROJECT SCHEDULE

<u>February 1985</u>	<u>September 1985</u>	<u>September 1986</u>
Design	Contract Award	Construction Completion

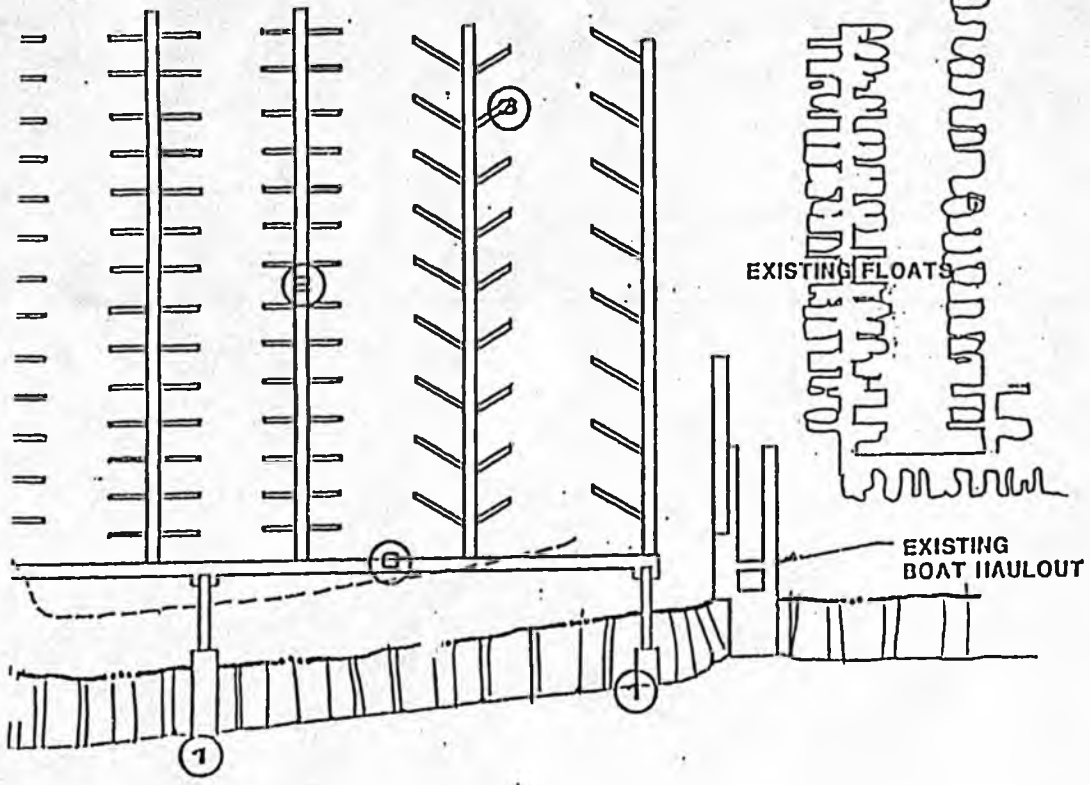
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**HARBOR EXPANSION**



**PRIMARY COMPONENTS OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT INCLUDE**

- ① Two approach structures and access gangways
- ② Five main harbor floats with access float
- ③ Finger floats varying in length to 50 feet
- ④ Boat ramp access float
- ⑤ Boat ramp and various imp including wash down and boat apron
- ⑥ Float utilities

## Small Boat Harbor Expansion

This project is the development of the final phase of the existing Valdez Small Boat Harbor. At the time of the original Corps of Engineers Valdez boat harbor construction, the general area to the east of the original boat harbor was left undeveloped for future harbor expansion. The area of the proposed expansion site is presently at elevation to a depth of -13 feet (MLLW) which will be consistent with the bottom of the existing small boat harbor area. The excavation consists of the removal of approximately 298,000 cubic yards of soil in the harbor area.

Material removed from the harbor expansion area would be located on the Port of Valdez side of the existing spit that now separates the boat harbor from the port. This area was used as a site for disposing of the dredge material from the original boat harbor.

The widening of the spit area, at a City owned location, would facilitate the creation of a waterfront area for uses compatible with the City's Coastal Zone Management plan. These intended uses include the storage and dry docking of recreational and commercial boats; the storage of commercial fishing gear; and a parking and staging area. The limited amount of land available near the small boat harbor doesn't assure a place for parking boat trailers or pulling boats out of the water for minor repairs. This site is also designated as a potential long range planning site for expanded fin fish and shellfish processing facilities.

The intended use for the expanded boat harbor area would be to provide additional moorage capacity for private and small commercial boats. The facility would be owned and operated by the City of Valdez as it is the final phase of the small boat harbor project. A conceptual drawing of the expanded small boat harbor is shown in 'Figure 1'

The Valdez Small Boat Harbor expansion project is a positive development activity for the continued planned growth of the City of Valdez. The additional facilities support the commercial and recreational fishing populace and are expected to be beneficial to the local economy.

The existing small boat harbor currently has the following number of berths available:

<u>Length (ft)</u>	<u>Number</u>
50	33
42	34
32	84
24	108
20	98

On these berths, the occupancy rate on a year round basis is relatively high particularly in the larger boat lengths:

<u>Length (ft)</u>	<u>Occupancy Percentage</u>
50	100
42	90
32	65
24	40
20	30

In addition, there is over 350 feet of transient dock, however, no individual transient berths exist. Six berths are being utilized for either permanent or scenic-permanent residence. At least seven vessels, making Valdez their home port, are 50 feet or more in length:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Type</u>
Capt. Sonny	80'	Fishing
El Centrol	76'	Fishing
Bering	65'	Pilot
Margaret M.	60'	Tug
Vince Pee Dee	56'	Charter
Libra	55'	Fishing
Lady Fair	50'	Pleasure

During peak fishing periods, it is estimated that over 100 additional boats utilize the harbor. Valdez currently has two growing fish processors and a third processor expressing interest in locating in Valdez. This could lead to a substantial increase in necessary berths.

The secondary benefit to the City of Valdez with the expanded harbor will be increased use of local lodging, food services, marine repairs and fuel sales.

Figure 1

0 100 300 500  
scale (feet)



City of Valdez  
property

Univ. of Alaska  
property

NORTH HARBOR DRIVE

Coast  
Guard  
Dock

Existing  
Docks

Harbor Channel Exist. Harbor bottom  
-12.0'

Existing Road

Existing Split Area  
OWNER:  
City of Valdez

DREDGE AREA  
Approx. 8.5 Acres  
250,000 c.y.

Existing Tanks

Road Easement

MHHW 12.03'

Exist. Breakwater

ATS 820  
ATS 821

MLLW 0.00'

FILL AREA  
Approx. 250,000 c.y.

EBB

FLOOD

PORT VALDEZ

# Valdez Chamber of Commerce

P.O. Box 512 • Valdez, Alaska 99686 • Phone 835-2330

October 26, 1984

Honorable Bill Sheffield  
Governor - State of Alaska  
Pouch A  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Governor Sheffield;

This letter is to express the Valdez Chamber of Commerce's support for the City of Valdez REQUEST FOR FUNDING of the following CAPITAL PROJECTS:

1. Commercial Boat Harbor
2. Prince William Sound Community College
3. Museum Addition
4. Ice Skating Rink
5. National Guard Armory
6. New Jail Addition
7. Upgrading Richardson Highway
8. Small Boat Harbor Slips
9. Valdez Industrial Park
10. Small Boat Harbor Grid
11. Handicap Curbs
12. Dayville Road Boat Ramp

Thank you for your positive considerations to these projects.

Respectfully,



William J. Simpson  
President

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRIORITIES