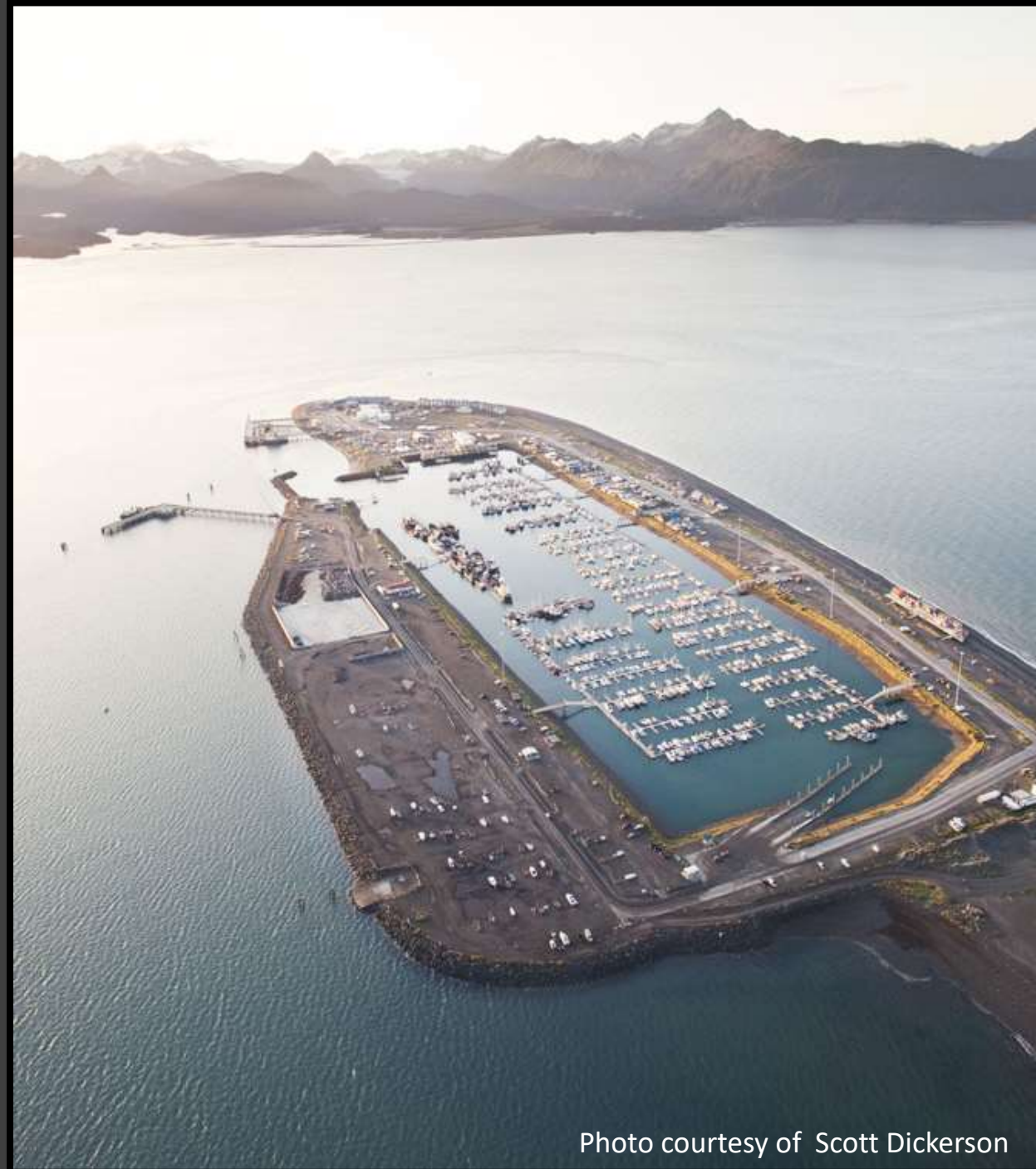




# Homer Port & Harbor Expansion Project

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Photo courtesy of Scott Dickerson

# THE NEED FOR EXPANSION

Homer Harbor's  
System 5  
large vessel float





Homer's large vessel fleet has grown by 42% in the last 15 years and the length of vessels requesting moorage has doubled, filling the harbor beyond capacity.



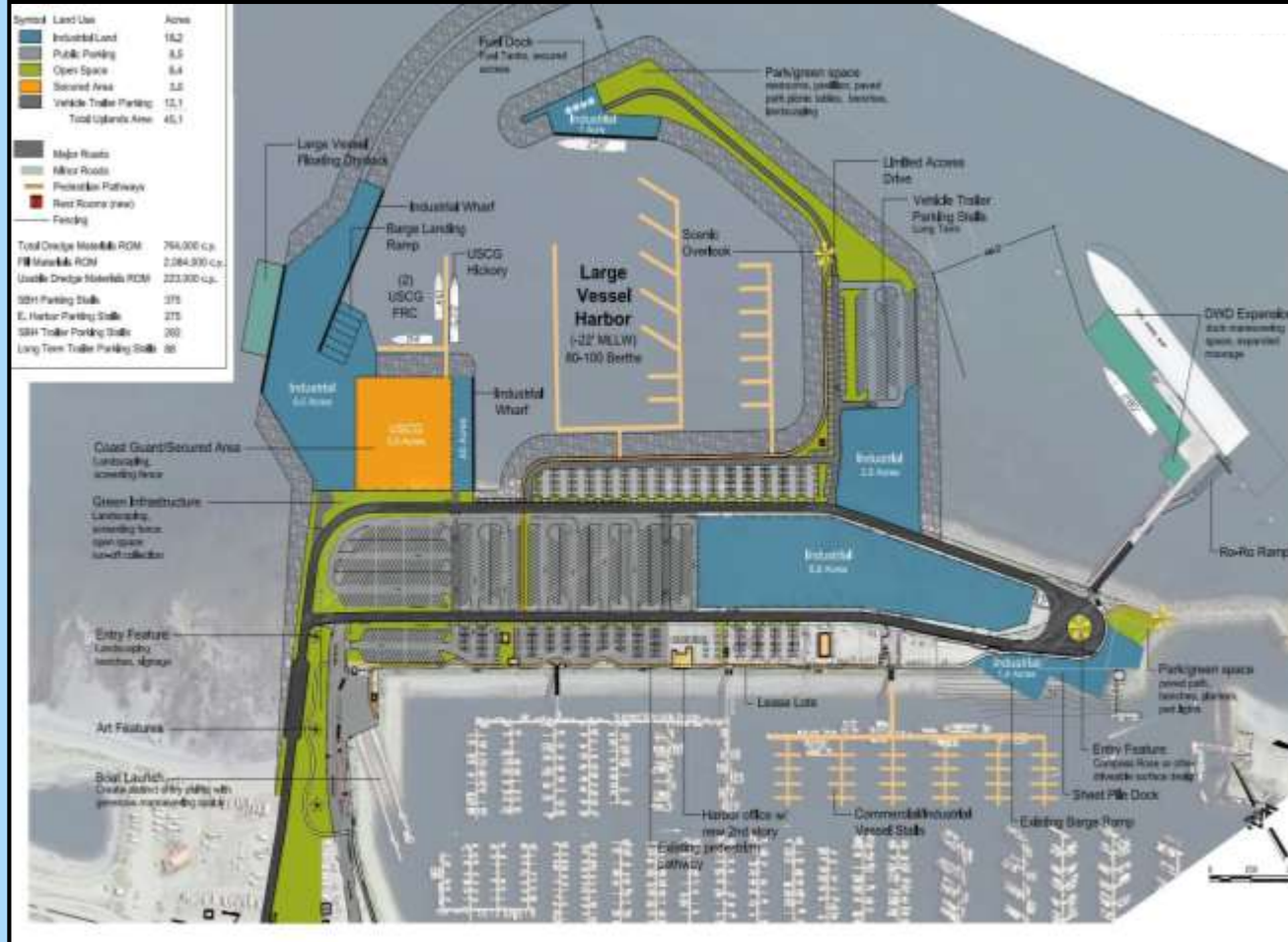
# WHERE WE ARE IN THE PLANNING PROCESS

Completed a Planning Assistance for States Contract with USACE in 2019, which

- Quantified construction costs and regional economic benefits, and
- Identified that conditions warrant completion of a New Start General Investigation.

Outcome: **Preliminary Benefit Cost Ratio (BCR) of 0.9 to 1.0** citing:

**Construction cost savings** – local armor rock and dredged materials plan.



## Economic benefits:

Supports regional jobs by an estimated \$2.75 million annually;

Captures an estimated \$3.5 million in economic activity that the region loses annually due to lack of moorage for layover, provision, maintenance and over-winter for marine industrial vessels;

Backup port for marine transportation & delivery in the event a major disaster disables Port of Alaska.

The adverse economic impacts of **doing nothing carries a present LOSS value TO THE STATE of \$93 million over a 50-year period.**

We can't afford to NOT continue in partnership on this project.

# Alaska Association of Harbormasters & Port Administrators

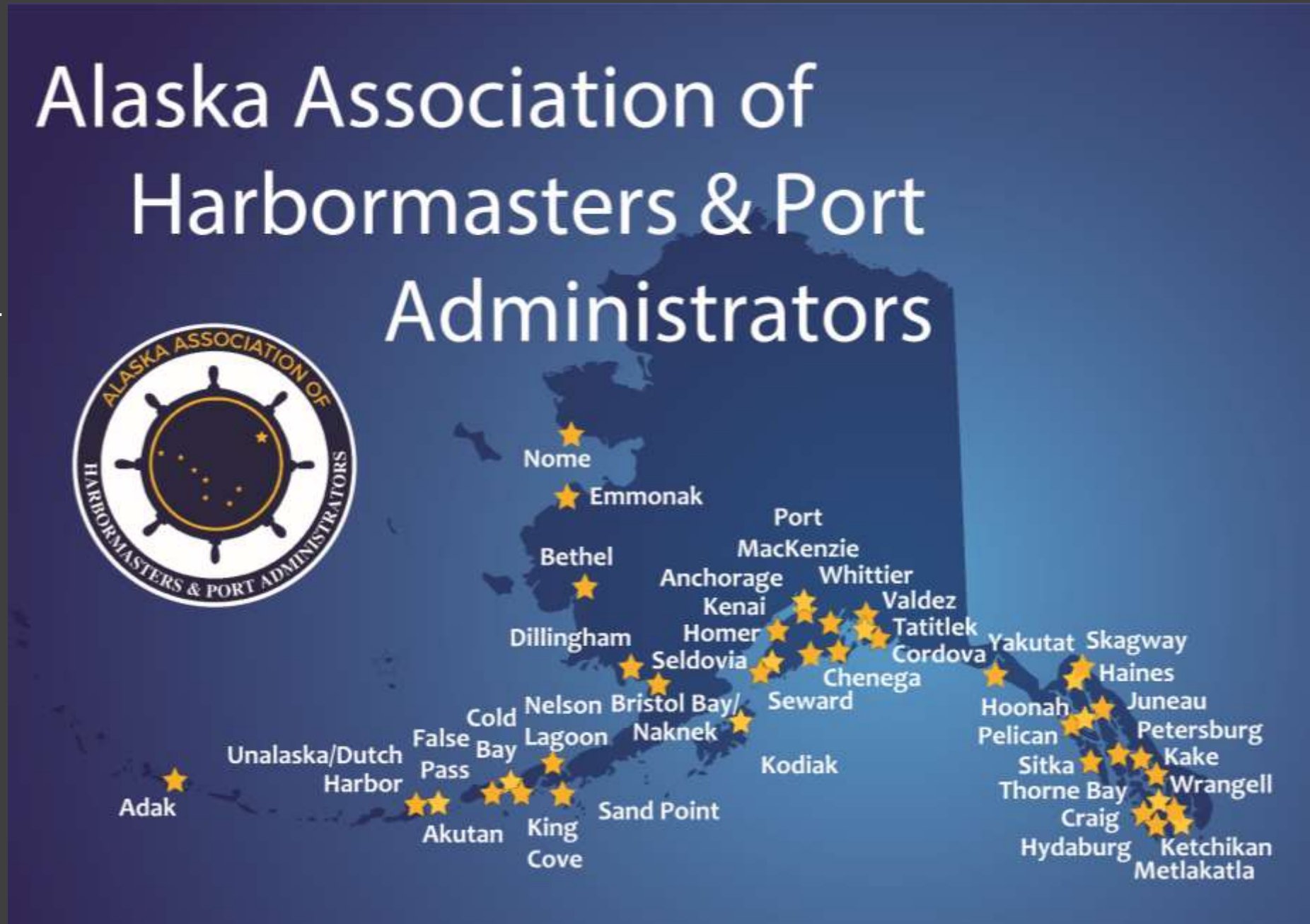


## ALASKA IS DIFFERENT!

According to NOAA coastal mapping, there are 95,471 miles of coastline in the U.S. and 33,904 of those miles are in Alaska.

There are 42 municipal Ports and Harbors in AAHPA and 7 of those are road connected:

- Haines
- Skagway
- Valdez
- Whittier
- Seward
- Homer
- Anchorage



Of the 42 member harbors in AAHPA,  
7 are road-connected: Haines, Skagway, Valdez, Whitter, Seward, Homer, and Anchorage ---  
only two of those have a natural shelf that allow harbor basin expansion:



Valdez completed a harbor expansion in 2019  
and **is already at capacity again.**



The General Investigation of Homer's port expansion will produce a positive BCR

- Verifying that this project is competitive on a national scale and
- Providing the planning and development work needed to proceed with shovel ready plans and federal funding for construction

# THE NEXT STEP

**AKPB Resolution or Assembly letter to State of Alaska supporting the project and Requesting the to State Pledge \$750,000 over the next three years to launch and complete an ACOE General Investigation of Homer's Port Expansion.**





**Thank you**

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