

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**

**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)**

**Grant Recipient: Ouzinkie**

**Project Title:**

# Ouzinkie - Dock Replacement

**State Funding Requested: \$ 4,000,000**  
One-Time Need

**House District: 36 - R**

**Brief Project Description:**

Dock replacement

**Funding Plan:**

**Total Cost of Project: \$5,727,000**

	<u>Funding Secured</u>		<u>Other Pending Requests</u>		<u>Anticipated Future Need</u>	
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>
Federal Funds			\$3,727,000	09		
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$3,727,000</b>			

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Ouzinkie is located between the City of Kodiak and the City of Port Lions on Spruce Island. A functional dock and related infrastructure are essential to the long term economic viability of our island community. The existing 44 year old dock, built with wood piles and timber, is well worn and obsolete and deteriorating at an accelerated rate. This new dock would provide vital transportation for our island community, which is without road access.

This replacement dock is designed to enable expansion of the community's economy by accommodating cargo ships, state ferries and small cruise ships, provide more level land at tidewater for shore-side repairs and maintenance of commercial fishing and other marine vessels.

The dock will be a bulkhead style, backfilled with rock, which will make the dock virtually maintenance free and allow needed economic development in this community. This project is a joint venture between the City of Ouzinkie, the Ouzinkie Tribal Council, the Spruce Island Development Corp. and the Ouzinkie Native Corp. Koniag, Inc., the regional Native Corp. for Kodiak has donated the backfill rock for the new dock.

**Project Timeline:**

They would like to do the preliminary engineering, design in 2008 and have construction begin in 2009

**Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:**

City of Ouzinkie

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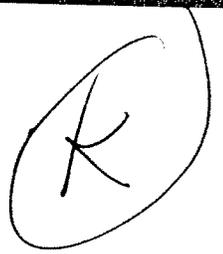
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**Grant Recipient Contact Information:**

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority?  Yes  No

## Dock Replacement/Economic Development Community of Ouzinkie



Ouzinkie is centrally located between the City of Kodiak and the City of Port Lions on Spruce Island. (See attached maps)

A functional dock and related adjacent infrastructure are essential to the long term economic viability of our island community. The new dock, once reconstructed, would provide vital transportation for our island community, which is without road access. The existing 44 year old dock, built with wood piles and timber, is well worn and obsolete, and deteriorating at an accelerated rate.

The replacement dock is designed to enable expansion of the community's economy by accommodating cargo ships, state ferries and small cruise ships, provide more level land at tidewater for shore-side repairs and maintenance of commercial fishing and other marine vessels. A new processing plant in Ouzinkie will support value-added processing of our fish that are caught in fisheries just outside of our community.

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Located centrally on the North end of Kodiak Island, Ouzinkie is in the perfect position to expand and diversify its economics. While there is not a very active commercial fishing fleet in Port Lions they do have a very active charter fishing fleet that is constantly in need of vessel and motor repairs. The City of Kodiak has outboard repair shops but getting work done on a timely basis is almost impossible. The City of Kodiak also has a small vessel shipyard where boats are pulled from the water for work, but this yard is almost always full.

In addition to expanding the marine repair facilities there is a need for aluminum skiffs in the commercial salmon operations as well as for the expanding sport fish activities. The community of Ouzinkie is perusing the addition of an aluminum boat building facility on the new dock. There is one active aluminum boat builder in Kodiak, but it is estimated that 80% of the new skiffs bought for both the commercial and sport fishing activities come from off island.

It is estimated that 95% of the vessels heading for the West side of Kodiak Island, Shelikof Straits and Afognak Island pass through the narrows at Ouzinkie.

Years ago there was a small privately owned fish processing plant that hired local people. The global market for seafood products now requires high quality product and the community is looking at building a small processing plant to address the quality issue and help create new jobs for the community. The seafood would be provided to Ouzinkie by a fishermen's co-op that would be able to guarantee the quality of the product and take advantage of being involved in all aspects of the industry, from catching the fish, to processing the fish, to selling the high end seafood products in the market place.

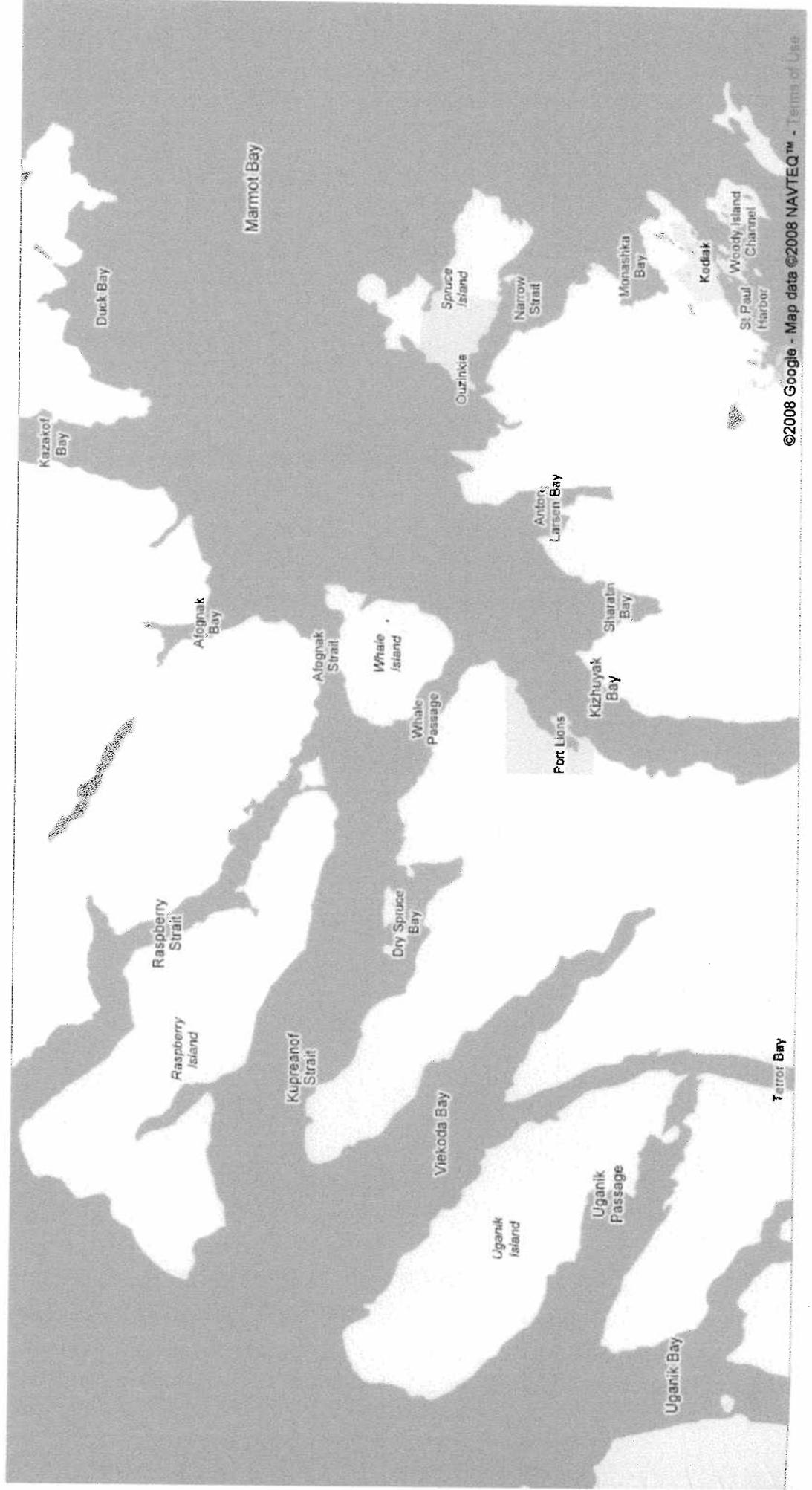
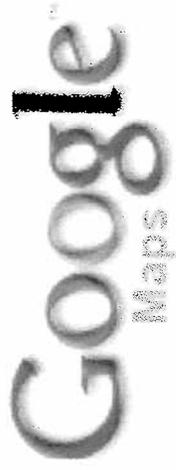
Given these facts, we feel that the time is right for the community of Ouzinkie to upgrade its dock, add the needed infrastructure to accommodate the needs of Kodiak's marine businesses, diversify the economy and secure Ouzinkie's future.

In the end the City of Ouzinkie will own the new dock and the economic development on the dock will be managed through the non-profit Spruce Island Economic development Corporation. Spruce Island Development Corporation's board of directors will be made up of people from the City, Tribal Council and Native Corporation. In 2007 the Denali Commission awarded the Community of Ouzinkie with its "Sustainability" award for the "cooperative efforts of the whole community to ensure the long-term health, viability and stability of the community".

## Ouzinkie Dock Replacement Cost Estimates

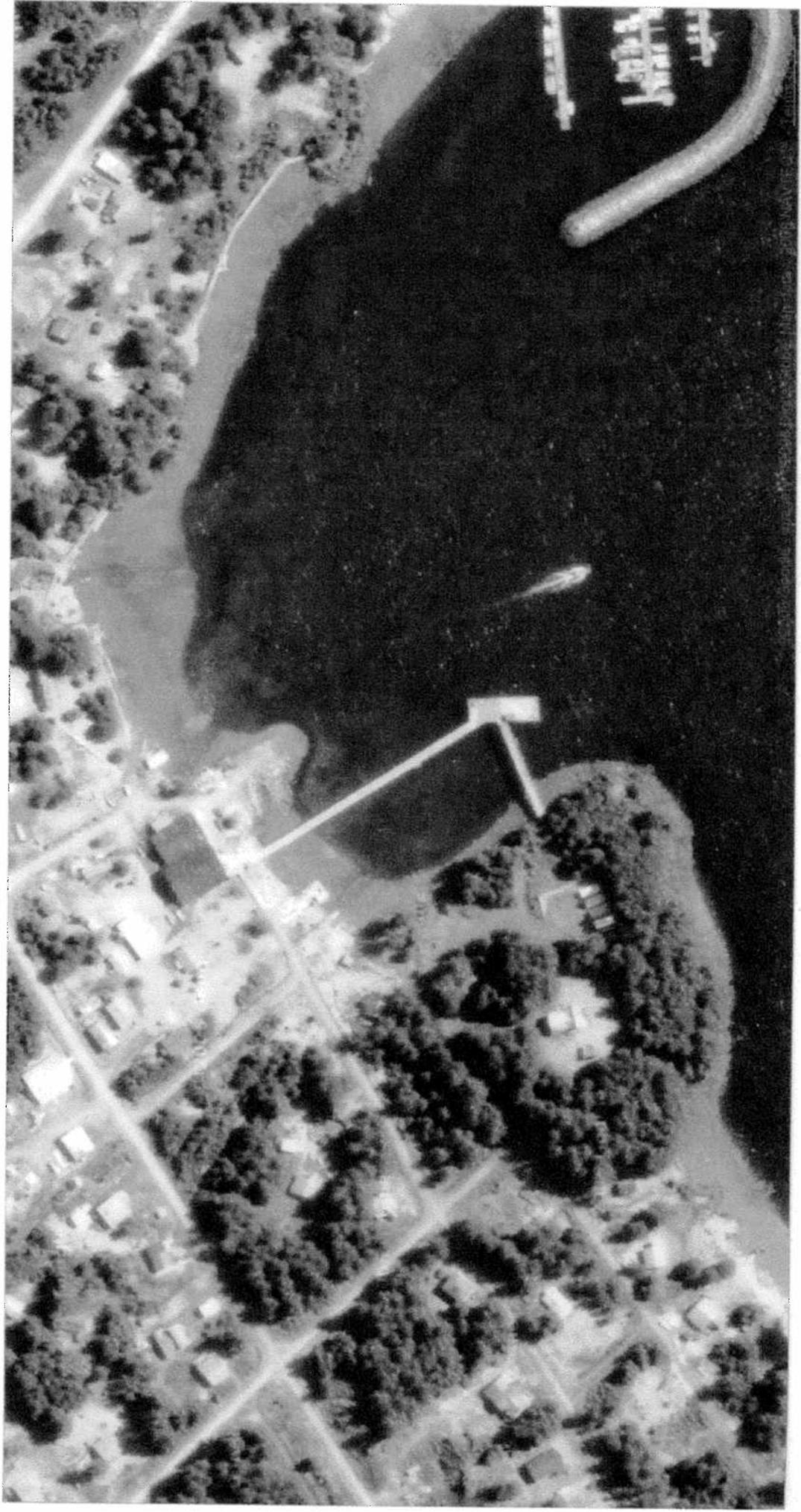
Survey and Mapping	\$ 20,000	
Geotechnical	50,000	
Preliminary Engineering	40,000	
Design and Construction Documents	250,000	
Construction Administration	200,000	
Sub-total		\$ 590,000
Old Dock Demolition	100,000	
Construction	3,670,000	
Construction Contingency (10%)	367,000	
Sub-total		\$4,137,000
Marine trailer lifts (2)	500,000	
Marine support for dock	500,000	
Sub-total		\$1,000,000
Grand Total		\$5,727,000

- Budget prepared by PND Engineering in Anchorage, Alaska



Google  
Maps

*CURRENT DOCK!*







# ***Kodiak Island Borough***

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January 29, 2008

Senator Gary Stevens  
State Capitol, Room 103  
Juneau, AK 99801-2282

Representative Gabrielle LeDoux  
State Capitol, Room 412  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

RE: Ouzinkie Dock

Dear Senator Stevens and Representative LeDoux:

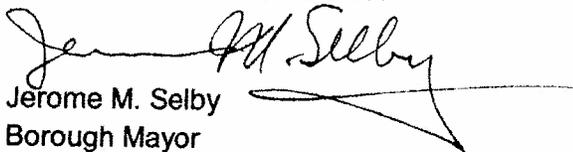
The Kodiak Island Borough would like to go on record as supporting the construction of Ouzinkie replacement dock. The City of Ouzinkie has been distressed for a decade. During this time period, the community has lost 20% of its population. Lately though, there is renewed interest in the area due to its geographic location adjacent to marine fish and shellfish resources and an abundance of upland game. Lodge operations and the charter boat industry provide an international clientele with access to world class sport fishing, and bear and whale watching.

A new dock is a vital piece of infrastructure needed to sustain this economic growth and provide other industry opportunities. This proposed dock will replace an aged wooden structure that has exceeded its economic usefulness. This modern mooring facility will allow Ouzinkie to be served by the ocean going fuel barges that visit Kodiak, larger freight and cargo vessels delivering goods to the town, as well as visits by the state ferry system.

All this renewed economic activity benefits not only the community of Ouzinkie, but the region and Island as a whole. The Kodiak Island Borough supports Ouzinkie in its quest to find funding opportunities to construct this facility. Any funding would support the construction of a facility that is currently being designed.

Sincerely,

KODIAK ISLAND BOROUGH

  
Jerome M. Selby  
Borough Mayor



## City of Ouzinkie

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January 30, 2008

Alaska State Legislature  
State Capitol Building  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Re: Ouzinkie Dock Replacement Project

Dear Alaska Legislators;

This letter is in support of the Community of Ouzinkie and their objective of seeking appropriations to complete funding for the proposed Dock Replacement/Economic Development Infrastructure Project.

A functional dock and related adjacent infrastructure are essential to the long-term economic viability of the community of Ouzinkie. The dock, once constructed, would provide vital transportation for our island community. The existing 43 year-old dock, built with wood piles and timbers, is badly deteriorated and obsolete, and continues to deteriorate at an accelerating rate.

The replacement dock is designed to enable expansion of the community's economy by being able to accommodate state ferries and small cruise ships, provide more level land at tidewater for shore-side repairs and maintenance of commercial fishing and other marine vessels, and support value-added processing of fisheries products.

The local community of Ouzinkie is providing the land, rock and tideland permits for the project. This project reflects a high level of cooperation and participation by the community. Not only will the project replace an aging dock, it will be a much needed boost to the economic development potential of the community. The City of Ouzinkie is strongly in support of this project. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Zack Chichenoff'.

Zack Chichenoff  
Mayor



## Ouzinkie Tribal Council

February 14, 2008

### Council Members

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Nick Katelnikoff -Vice President  
Katherine Panamarioff-Secretary  
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Alaska State Legislature  
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RE: Replacement Dock at Ouzinkie, Alaska

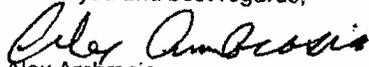
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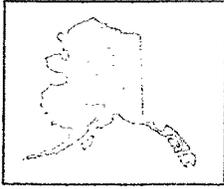
Ouzinkie Tribal Council (OTC), the Governing entity of the Native Village of Ouzinkie, located in Ouzinkie, Alaska, strongly supports efforts by the Community of Ouzinkie to accomplish its top economic development priority, i.e., obtain the funds necessary to construct a replacement dock. The existing 44 year old dock is made of wood beams and wood piles and has been deteriorating rapidly. However, the dock is absolutely vital to the economy of this island commercial fishing community. The planned replacement dock will be made of rock and a steel bulkhead, so that it will be virtually maintenance free.

OTC is in support of the ONC's commitment to donating the land and obtaining the tideland permits where the planned replacement dock is to be sited. Further, OTC contemplates potential investments in facilities for custom fish processing, vessel repairs, etc., on the planned replacement dock, and allow further community development well into the future.

Any help from the Alaska State Legislature with respect to funds for a replacement dock would be deeply appreciated by the entire Community of Ouzinkie.

Thank you and best regards,

  
Alex Ambrosia  
Tribal President



## **OUZINKIE NATIVE CORPORATION**

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January 28, 2008

Alaska State Legislature  
State Capitol Building  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

RE: Replacement Dock at Ouzinkie, Alaska

Dear Alaska Legislators:

Ouzinkie Native Corporation (ONC), the for-profit ANCSA village corporation located at Ouzinkie, Alaska, strongly supports efforts by the Community of Ouzinkie to accomplish its top economic development priority, i.e., obtain the funds necessary to construct a replacement dock. The existing 44 year old dock is made of wood beams and wood piles and has been deteriorating rapidly. However, the dock is absolutely vital to the economy of this island commercial fishing community. The planned replacement dock will be made of rock and a steel bulkhead, so it will be virtually maintenance free.

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Any help from the Alaska State Legislature with respect to funds for a replacement dock would be deeply appreciated by the entire Community of Ouzinkie.

Thank you and best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jackie Muller Sr.", written in black ink.

Jackie Muller Sr.,  
Chairman of the Board

cc: ONC Board of Directors