

## June 29, 2005 Boat Tour Summary

Three boat tours of the project area were conducted on June 29, 2005. The first boat included representatives from Federal Highway Administration and Government Hill community council. The second boat trip included representatives from Alaska Center for the Environment, Trustees for Alaska, and Department of Natural Resources (ADNR) Office of Habitat Management and Permitting (OHMP). The third trip included representatives from AKPIRG, National Wildlife Federation, and Cook Inlet Keeper and ADNR Alaska Coastal Management Program (ACMP). The boat tour included driving by Port MacKenzie dock, the eastern bank of Knik Arm, the mouth of Goose Bay, and the western bank of Knik Arm including Six Mile Creek and Cairn Point. During the second and third trip, representatives walked a short distance along the eastern shoreline.

Many topics were discussed including:

- Knik Arm Crossing studies: Beluga whales, fisheries, and bird methods, sampling locations, and findings.
- Port MacKenzie dock: Construction, function, need for dredging ferry landing location, and sediment accumulation adjacent to the dock.
- Knik Dock: Functionality
- Cairn Point: Dump site, currents/waves near point, water depth
- Port of Anchorage: Future expansion project, annual dredging, cruise ship at port
- Difference in the environment between the project area and Goose Bay
- Alternatives: Anchorage access and potential bridge site