

BENEFITS OF NOME'S DEEP DRAFT PORT



National Security: Strategically located near the Bering Strait and the Arctic Ocean, Nome's Deep Draft Port will enable the United States to respond to the increasing foreign presence in the Arctic, including accelerated Russian development of the Northern Sea Route.



Life Safety: Bering Strait vessel traffic more than doubled since 2009. The Deep Draft Port allows the Coast Guard to maintain a material presence and fulfill its mission of protecting the public, environment, and national economic interests.



Environmental Protection: Nome's port expansion is needed to serve vessels in distress, minimize impacts to environment, and provide protected moorage for vessels seeking repair and service.



Economic Viability: The Port will facilitate economic development and ensure that vital food, fuel, and supplies reach residents of America's and Alaska's Arctic and sub-Arctic in a cost-effective way.



Sustaining Culture: Alaska Natives comprise half of Nome's 3,800 residents, and about 75 percent of residents in nearby communities for a total of over 10,000 residents in the region. Stabilizing the cost of living, while exceeding environmental standards will ensure that traditional food gathering and other culturally important activities continue to thrive.

NOME Alaska's Northernmost Coastal Port Point Lav Point Hope Stebbins St. Michael

ALASKA'S ARCTIC DEEP-DRAFT PORT AT NOME

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Meeting the demands of the maritime industry through targeted infrastructure growth, while supporting national security, safe maritime transportation, and marine environmental protection at the first strategic deep draft port in the U.S. Artic.





Sources: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Port of Nome Strategic Plan (McDowell Group, 2016); U.S. Census Bureau.

SERVING WESTERN ALASKA & THE ARCTIC FOR MORE THAN A CENTURY

Nome was incorporated in 1901 by gold seekers; mining remains an important aspect of the economy today.



TODAY SERVICES INCLUDE:

- · A level-four trauma center
- Twice daily jet service
- Telecommunications
- · Well-trained volunteer fire & ambulance departments
- A 230-mile road system

AVIATION:

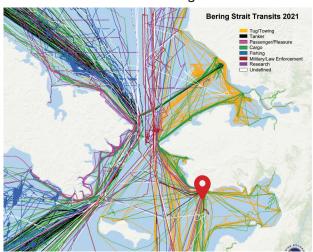
Nome's aviation services frequently supply 64 domestic and international locations each year.

BERING STRAIT VESSEL TRAFFIC:

Bering Strait transits have more than doubled since 2009.

Year	'09	'10	'11	'12	'13	'14	'15	'16	'17	'18	'19	'20	'21
NB	136	128	124	154	171	130	232	158	164	183	241	260	278
SB	126	114	115	162	173	125	220	182	196	175	236	290	277
Total	262	242	239	316	344	255	452	340	360	358	477	550	555

Extent of vessel movements during the ice-free season.





PORT ACTIVITY

► Groceries, construction materials, equipment, gravel, and other goods are shipped to 60 communities, from Unalaska to Utqiagvik – more than 1,300 miles.



- Port traffic has increased exponentially since 1990. A growing number of commercial & private vessels transit the nearby Bering Strait, using Nome for resupply.
- ▶ From 2012-2021, the Port averaged 59,259 tons of rock, sand, and gravel; 31,156 tons of cargo; and 9.53 million gallons of refined petroleum products.

- The Port supports 450 regional seafood harvesters and processors and is home to Norton Sound Seafood Products.
- Nome hosted the 820-foot Crystal Serenity in 2016/2017, with 1,700 passengers and crew, illustrating a growing interest in Arctic cruising. Additionally, several smaller cruise ships regularly sail between Nome, Greenland, Russia, Norway, and other global destinations.

