

Unalakleet '09 November Flood



The top photo shows the gabions dropping from the undermining and the bottom photo shows the erosion that followed the collapse with a home and the fish plant in the background.





We discussed this in past workshops where the State DNR allowed too much beach mining. The top photo shows a section of beach not mined and just adjacent to that section below is a section where it was mined heavily by a local contractor. We stressed over and over the concern of erosion threatening our water and power lines.





The top photo shows the mining that was opposed by the tribe and village corporation and the photo below shows the active, live waterline that feeds the community. The pipe just below the bucket in the photo above shows where the waterline is situated underneath.





The logs littered the access road to the water source and the photo below show the damage done to storage vans.





The photo above shows the DOT erosion project, the southern section was damaged less but this northern section looks like a bomb blew it up. The photo below shows the airport fence beaten down by logs. To say no, to little damage was done in the November flood not knowing what was under the ice was definitely an understatement. The process needs to allow communities to file for disaster declaration due to extenuating circumstances such as this one. No one can assess the damage until it can be seen.

