

districts where there are no commercial seaports. There are three such districts in the blast: Shmidt, Chukchi and Northern Evensk.

Let us take, for example, Northern Evensk district. There are no seaports, or rather port centres, or oil bases belonging to Goskomnefteprodukt RSFSR in this district. All the organizational problems pertaining to the unloading of cargo at roadsteads and delivering cargo to shore are presently entrusted to the consignees. These problems are not simple.

Unfavourable hydrological conditions with differences of 9.5 meters in the levels of water between high and low tides, together with shallow depths, makes it difficult to carry out the construction of elementary mooring structures for unloading roadstead vessels in this district. For this reason, non-self-propelled lighters are used for unloading. A method of vessels "drainage" is used to discharge the lighters on shore; processing can take place only at low tide and practically no mechanization of any kind is used. This method of unloading bulk oil from non-self-propelled lighters violates regulations in force and poses a great risk to all those involved in the process.

The imperfection of the existing delivery system is also aggravated by the following: a common organizational structure governing work in the loading and unloading industry is lacking; consignees do not have enough vessels; and it is impossible to enlist the help of experts for piloting vessels because there are none on the spot.

As a result, the cargo delivered satisfies only 70-75% of the needs of the national economy in these districts every year, and a further increase in