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tions had a chance to work on amending the law, all Alaskans could be hurt. He also said that a federal takeover of fish and game management is undesirable because although Lujan would do a good job and be fair, the next Interior secretary might have an anti-hunting bias.

The two spoke during the second day of the Alaska Federation of Natives' special two-day meeting on subsistence. AFN officials decided to convene the meeting to discuss various alternatives to the situation created after the December state Supreme Court ruling that Alaska's subsistence law is unconstitutional.

Lujan stressed to the gathering that he hopes the Department of Interior does not take over management of fish and game on federal lands in Alaska. But he noted that unless the state does something, the takeover will go into effect July 1.

He discussed no specifics of the pro-

posed plan for a takeover, but said that a notice was being published in the *Federal Register* Friday to get the process started.

The "notice of intent" in the *Federal Register* solicits public comment to assist in the development of interim regulations governing federal management of subsistence.

The secretary addressed Alaska Natives after speaking at an Anchorage Chamber of Commerce breakfast and a brief press conference following the breakfast. He apologized to the Native community for at first declining AFN's request for him to appear at the subsistence meeting.

Lujan said he had not been aware that the AFN meeting would be a "big convention." AFN Chairman Ralph Eluska told Lujan that he accepted the apology.