

BBNA Awarded State Grant

JUNEAU Governor William A. Egan said a \$20,000 grant has been awarded to the Bristol Bay Native Association for assistance in developing economic alternatives to diminished salmon runs there.

The grant was made through the rural development assistance division in the Alaska Department of Community and Regional Affairs. It is being made in two payments, one now and another in July.

The governor said the funds will pay for efforts toward developing fresh water fisheries, herring fisheries, recreation and tourist related industries, marketing cooperative and arts and crafts programs, and other possible methods of bolstering Bristol Bay's economy.

"This grant has the support of all 29 villages within the Bristol Bay region along with the active support of many concerned Alaskans," Egan said.

"Along with the state's programs to rehabilitate Bristol Bay salmon runs, and its continuing effort to halt Japanese high seas fishing which is so damaging to Alaska salmon stocks, this state assistance grant will help develop a stronger and more diversified economy for the Bristol Bay area."