

Subsistence foes debate

Willie Hensley, chairman for Alaskans for Sensible Fish and Game Management will appear on a statewide televised debate on the subsistence initiative repeal drive from 8 to 9 p.m. on Sept. 27.

Hensley will debate Bob Rausch, southwest coordinator for Alaskans for Equal Fishing and Hunting Rights, the group which is spearheading the drive to repeal the current Alaska subsistence law.

The one-hour television debate will be divided into a 30-minute debate with a Channel 11 newswoman moderating, remaining 30 minutes will be devoted to the two men answering call-in questions from television viewers.

People living outside of Anchorage who wish to ask questions can call the toll-free ZE-3456 number. Inside the Anchorage telephoning area people can call 272-3456.

Alaskans for Sensible Fish and Game Management is spearheading the drive to keep the state subsistence law on the ballot.

If Initiative 7 passes, the current law, which grants a priority to subsistence users in use of fish and game, would be wiped off the books and replaced with a law that makes no distinctions among users whether they be in-state, outsiders or hunters from other countries.

Sensible maintains that the current law is a sound management of the fish and game resource while Equal Hunting and Fishing rights group maintains that the law creates a special group of fish and game users.

Jim Repine, well-known fishing expert, will speak to the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce on Sept. 27 at noon on the initiative drive.