

# URGENT NEED FOR FREEZER FACILITIES EMPHASIZED

## There May Be Millions Of Red Salmon Surplus In Dillingham Area

Mr. Truman Emborg, Center Director for the City of Dillingham has reported to RurAL CAP follow-up activities in support of the Nushagak Fisherman's co-op, which has EDA approval as the operator of the cold storage plant to be constructed by the City of Dillingham. The Co-op now has 150 members.

The Togiak Village Electric System (AVEC) is now in operation, and the major problem in Togiak at this time is the need for a bulk storage fuel facility.

Clarks Point, Aleknagik, Pilot Point and Manokotak are in the process of incorporating as 4th class cities with the prospect of AVEC projects as the result. Proposed consumer co-ops have also been proposed for Ekway, New Stuyahok, Dillingham and Togiak.

Mr. Emborg is presently researching plans for the construction of a seafood processing plant

in Bristol Bay with particular emphasis on shellfish and herring resources. This would improve the basic economy by creating new jobs, and providing more employment in the off-peak salmon years.

Mr. Emborg has advised RurAL CAP that it appears there will be a surplus of some five million red salmon above the canning capacity which will be caught in the Bristol Bay area.

There is a definite need for more freezer ships in the area, and the problem could be particularly serious in Ugashik and Pilot Point.

Dillingham has further been very active with respect to the interception of Alaska salmon runs by the South Koreans. Mr. Emborg reports that this situation is still critical.