

# **NEWS IN BRIEF**

**ALASKA'S 1976 FISHING** harvest is matching up to preseason Fish and Game predictions with a total of 20 million fish caught through the end of July.

**DOYON LIMITED** has "plugged and abandoned" its first exploratory drilling well in the Kandik Basin, 60 miles east of Circle. A move to a second site is scheduled for November with corporation spokespersons declining to say if oil or gas had been found at the first site. The possibility of a return to drilling at the first well was not ruled out.

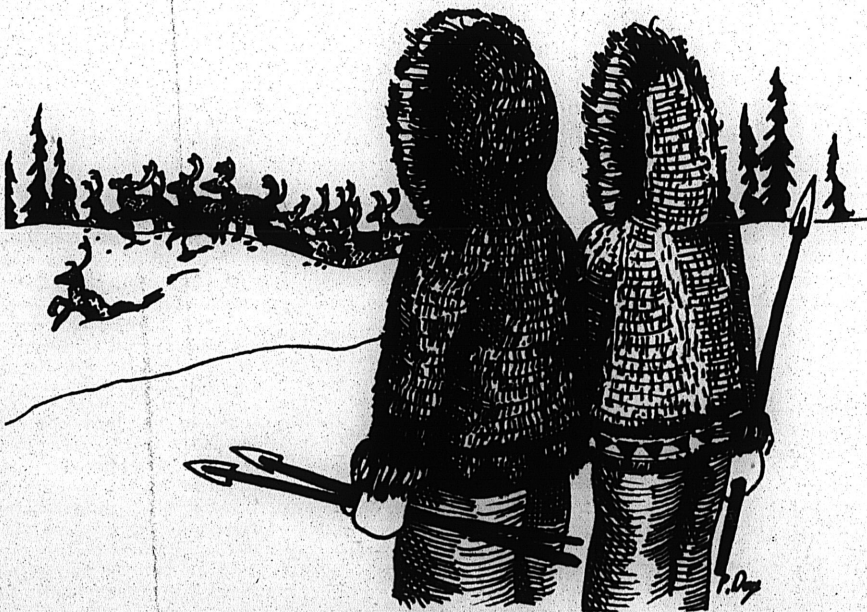
**BIA'S ANTIOQUIA** says as many as 4,000 Seattle-Tacoma area residents may be eligible for benefits under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. 77,000 natives have already enrolled under ANCSA, and up to 10,000 more may qualify, 75 per cent of whom are thought to live outside Alaska.

**U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES** has rejected a plan to extend the life of the Indian Claims Commission for three years, but approved \$1.65 million to fund the commission for FY '77. The commission was established in 1947 by Congress to judge all unsettled tribal claims against the U.S.

**THE NON-PROFIT ARM** of the Bering Straits Native Association, Kawerak Inc., has announced it will undergo complete financial and management reorganization under provisions of the federal Bankruptcy Code. Existing programs in job training and education will continue. The decision was made July 26 in Nome.

**THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT** appropriations bill for FY '77 has been signed into law by President Ford and includes \$8 million for the Bethel hospital, \$1.35 million for emergency medical services for native corporations, and \$805,000 for the first phase construction of a salmon hatchery in Matlakatla.

**CHRIS ANDERSON** has resigned as executive director of Tanana Chiefs Conference stating there is "no need for the position" with the president, Al Ketzler, handling executive duties and a new comptroller just hired. Anderson will take over as director of travel operations.



### THINGS FOOD STAMPS CAN BUY

Food Stamps can buy subsistence hunting and fishing gear such as: harpoons, winter clothing, fishing equipment like dip nets, gasoline for outboard motors and snowmobiles, tents, hunting knives and traps. For more information and your identification card contact the food stamp office or local fee agent.

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