

# Subsistence Meet in Dillingham

The first meeting of the legislature's Interim Committee on Subsistence will hold its first meeting in Dillingham on August 8th.

Committee Chairman Nels Anderson, Jr., representative from Dillingham, said the meeting will be held one day before congressional d-2 meetings are scheduled to begin in the area.

Anderson explained that the goals of the committee are to:

- Seek a consensus on subsistence by collecting available information through its own hearings, and other sources;

- Review State law regarding subsistence and attempt to determine the extent of subsistence zoning set up under new laws;

- Attempt to determine just how much food is obtained by Native people from land and sea resources;

- Review subsistence activities on lands under federal juris-

diction, and

- Attempt to define subsistence as it relates to Alaskans throughout the state.

Anderson has been criticized by some Native spokesmen for attempting to define subsistence. They argue that subsistence values and uses vary greatly across the state and that any attempt to define subsistence throughout the state in the same way will greatly undermine subsistence hunting and fishing in every region of the state.

Anderson is convinced that only a single definition will satisfy Congress when they attempt to provide some protection for subsistence under the National Interest Lands, or d-2, proposals.

The office of the Interim Committee on Subsistence will be in Dillingham. Dorothy Larson has been named staff assistant to the committee and will be working full time by the latter part of July.

Anderson said that the work of the committee will be more limited than originally planned because its proposed budget of \$100,000 was cut to \$40,000.

Other committee members include: Rep. William Akers, Emmonak; Rep. Steve Cowper, Fairbanks; Rep. Al Nakak, Nome; Rep. Joe Hayes, Anchorage; and Sena. Pat Rodey, Anchorage.