Storm victims to get checks

The storm-ravaged residents of Southcentral Alaska will be receiving their dividend checks soon, according to the Office of the Governor in Juneau.

Gov. Bill Sheffield has instructed the Alaska Department of Revenue to speed delivery of an estimated 7,000 Permanent Fund dividend checks to the areas hardest hit by the Oct. 13 storm and flooding.

A special run of dividend checks was to be printed, and the checks were to be mailed by the end of October.

'The state's policy of distributing dividend checks on a 'first-come, first-served' basis is both logical and efficient,' Sheffield said. 'But under these special circumstances we are called upon to take special measures.'

Accelerated delivery will be made to the following communities designated as disaster areas by the State's Division of Emergency Services in the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs: Houston, Moose Pass, Seward, Skwentna, Talkeetna. Trapper Creek and Willow.

To date, the Department of Revenue has paid 98,825 applicants, with another 49,778 checks due to go out soon in addition to the special run. The department expects to have the majority of dividend checks in the mail by Christmas.

Several officials greeted Dick Marriott, vice chairman of Marriott Corp. at a recent reception at Stonington Gallery in Anchorage. They include, from left, George Nelson, president of Standard Alaska Production Co.; Willie Hensley, president of NANA Regional Corp.; Marriott; and Harold Heinze, president of Arco Alaska Inc. Marriott was in Anchorage to celebrate the company's new joint venture with NANA — NANA/Marriott, an Alaska food service management company. The firm provides service statewide to schools, hospitals and private corporations. NANA/Marriott also handles janitorial and full-service facility management at two Prudhoe Bay operations.