

Reindeer Industry Under Study

Operating under a special legislative appropriation, the Division of Economic Enterprise is working with other government agencies and western Native regional corporations to reverse the downward economic trend in Alaska's reindeer industry.

Under a program worked out late last year, a bill will be introduced in the 1974 legislative session to create a "Reindeer Policy Board" to replace the moribund Reindeer Herders Association and provide centralized direction for further assistance efforts.

The board would consist of representatives from the six regional Native corporations concerned. By legislative directive, Economic Enterprise is the lead agency in the effort to improve the reindeer husbandry and marketing situation.