

Rural CAP supports subsistence

The Board of Directors of the Rural Alaska Community Action Program recently passed a resolution opposing the subsistence repeal initiative which may be placed before the voters in November.

RurAL CAP also urged all Alaska residents "to work together to maintain prudent management of our resources by voting against," the initiative.

RurAL CAP is a statewide community service organiza-

tion which provides services to the rural Alaska area.

Those services include alcoholism programs, the Head Start program, several rural energy programs and a program on subsistence and natural resources.

RurAL CAP provides information and research data on subsistence and has been active in trying to maintain subsistence priorities in the state.

The resolution cited the long-standing relationship be-

tween the Alaska Native people and natural resources and the spiritual, cultural, nutritional, social and economic needs for that subsistence harvest for rural Alaskans.

Citing the Federal Subsistence Management Statute passed by the United States Congress in 1980 and the 1978 Alaska Subsistence Management Statute, the resolution stated that both statutes provide for fair, reasonable and prudent management.
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agement of Alaska fish and game, and provide a "reasonable allocation of fish and game resources when the fish stock or game population is not sufficient to sustain simultaneous harvesting for sport, commercial and subsistence uses, and assure that the management on a sustained yield basis will be maintained.

The resolution said the initiative to repeal the subsistence law "serves to destroy the roots of Alaskan culture that

gives life to our social and spiritual being," and said the RurAL CAP board of directors realizes the enormity of the damage that the initiative poses to the rural people of the state.

Because of those reasons, RurAL CAP opposes the initiative.

It was signed by Gordon Jackson, president of the RurAL CAP board of directors, and James R. Ayres, current director of RurAL CAP.