

Director named for circumpolar clearinghouse

Vera K. Metcalf of Nome has been named Alaska director of the Roger Lang Clearinghouse for Circumpolar Education.

As Alaska director, she will be responsible for involving village residents and others in clearinghouse activities and for sharing information on effective educational programs elsewhere in the North with Alaskan schools and communities, particularly rural communities with a majority of Native residents.

A Siberian Yupik from Savoonga, Metcalf has been involved for the last five years in the development and implementation of a teacher training program based at the Northwest Campus of the University of Alaska Fairbanks, working with students from Barrow to Dillingham.

She has been a board member of the Alaska Advisory Council for Bilingual/Bicultural Education since 1987. Metcalf is also vice-president of the Native Program's Parent Advisory Committee to the Nome Public Schools.

Her experience in education includes classroom experience as a kindergarten bilingual teacher on St. Lawrence Island.

With major support provided by the National Science Foundation, clearinghouse activities include the identification of successful programs for the education of young people from pre-school through early adulthood and exchanges between Canadian, Greenlandic, Saami and Alaskan educators.

Beginning this month, the Alaska office of the clearinghouse will be located in space provided in Nome by the Northwest Campus of the University of Alaska Fairbanks. The international office is located at 256 Hanover Street, Boston 02113.



Oil spill clean-up work for 1990 is winding down in Prince William Sound. Above, containment booms are deployed at Sleepy Bay on LaTouche Island earlier this month. The vessel, the Glacier, is picking up heaving machinery used in the cleanup on the island this year.