

# Civil rights panel studies seafood processing industry

ANCHORAGE — The Washington and Alaska Dvisory Committees to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will hold a fact-finding meeting on civil rights issues in the seafood processing industry Saturday in Anchorage and Wednesday in Seattle. The Anchorage factfinding meeting will be held at the Anchorage Legislative Information Office Saturday starting at 8 a.m.

The meetings are designed to collect public information on whether there is evidence of discrimination on the basis of race and/or sex in recruitment, hiring, and promotion practices; provision of housing and services; and working conditions in the seafood processing industry. The advisory committees are interested also in public input on the impact on the community in

which the facilities are located. There will be presentations made from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. from representatives of management of seafood companies, employees, unions, and federal, state, and local monitoring, enforcement and technical assistance bodies.

Persons interested in presenting testimony on experiences of working in canneries, on floating processors, or other processing facilities or in observing the fact-finding meeting are invited to participate by the Northwestern Regional Office, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 915 Second Avenue, Room 2866, Seattle.

Individuals wishing to testify should contact the Northwestern Regional Office at 442-1246 Thursday.

The Alaska Legislative Tele-

conference Network will be available to residents of Anchorage, Juneau, Dillingham, Ketchikan, Kodiak, and Sand Point from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday.

The Alaska and Washington State Advisory Committees to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights assist the federal commission in collecting information and assessing civil rights matters within the state. Composed of citizens who serve without compensation, it conducts factfinding studies on civil rights related issues, holds informal hearings, and submits reports of its findings and recommendations to the Commission.

The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights is an independent, bipartisan, factfinding agency on the federal government concerned

with denial of equal protection of the laws because of color, race, religion, age, handicap, national origin, or sex. Members are appointed by the President of the United States and confirmed by Congress. Dr. Arthur S. Flemming serves as chairman.

The meeting will be chaired by Rep. Thelma Buchholdt of Anchorage. Other Alaska Advisory Committee members from Anchorage are Rep. Michael Beirne, Gary Dixon, Charles Elder Jr., Gilbert Gutierrez, Karen Cory, Donald Peter, Lise Rudd, Carolyn Schubert, O. Glenn Simpson, and Sen. Arliss Sturgulewski. Members from Juneau are Dove Kull, M. Daniel Plotnick, and Rosalee Walker. Frank Peterson is the member from Kodiak.