

ARNOLD NIELSEN, Bristol Bay Program Coordinator.

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Arnold Nielsen, of Naknek, in the Bristol Bay Region, has recently been hired to coordinate efforts between RurAL CAP and the Bristol Bay Area Development Corporation in disbursing the \$420,000 OEO Disaster Funds for that Region.

Arnold traveled to Dillingham on the 15th of August to meet with the Executive Board of BBADC to decide how to disburse the money. It was decided that \$290,000 of the money would go for labor-intensive projects directly to the 29 villages of Bristol Bay. The remaining money would be held for emergency food and fuel.

Due to a limited time factor, it was impossible to assess each of the villages needs and get the money to the villages before winter, so it was decided that each of the villages would receive approximately \$10,000 for the labor-intensive projects.

Arnold traveled to 14 villages to discuss the applications with the Village Councils and try to help them get the full amount that was needed in their particular village. Bert Reamy, the Program Specialist for BBADC, trav-

eled to the other 15 villages with the same mission.

"I feel that the people will be greatly benefitted from the money and they are enthusiastic about the opportunity to work and make it possible to enjoy the winter instead of just barely surviving it," stated Nielsen.