

Not interested in subsistence?

We note with some concern statements attributed to legislative leaders to the effect that they were not much interested in resolving the persistent dilemma of subsistence fish and game management.

If such a statement indicated a temporary condition, a cooling off, a regrouping, that would seem rational enough. But the implication in last Sunday's *Anchorage Daily News* was sheer lack of interest in one of the most divisive, volatile issues facing Alaskans, one that is costing taxpayers a pretty penny while we continue to limp along with a dual state-federal game management system.

We urge the legislature to get real interested in subsistence, real fast. The conservative resource development agenda, which calls for opening up large areas of the Bush for mining and oil and gas, shouldn't move an inch toward implementation until subsistence protections are finally written into law.