

Harry Carter Succeeds Hopson As Executive Director of AFN

Harry E. Carter, founder and past president of the Kodiak Area Native Association was chosen Saturday as the new executive director of the Alaska Federation of Natives.

In a secret ballot, the AFN Board of Directors voted to have the 39-year old Kodiak resident replace Eben Hopson, who resigned last December to become special assistant to Governor William Egan.

The new executive director will probably start his job this week, filling the important administrative position which has been vacant since the end of

1970. With the AFN president and many board members in Washington, Carter will administer the AFN office and its various grants and programs.

Harry Carter organized the Kodiak Area Native Association in late 1966 and has at various times served as its president, vice president and secretary-treasurer.

He was one of the first Board members and organizers of the Alaska Federation of Natives.

Since 1969, Carter has been president of the Kodiak Area Community Development Corporation, the regional organiza-

tion of RurAL CAP. He organized the Karluk Village Fisherman's Cooperative in 1969 and serves as its president.

During the past year, Carter has been a member of the RurAL CAP executive committee and during the last several years he has been active in most development operations in the Kodiak area. He is a past president of the Arctic Native Brotherhood.

Carter obtained his B.S. degree from the University of Alaska in 1959 and did graduate work in Public Health at the

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University of California at Berkeley. He served as a United States Navy medical corpsman for two years after his graduation from Fairbanks High School in 1950.

For several years, Carter was Environmental Health officer at Kodiak for the Alaska Department of Health and Welfare. Among his duties, he supervised the State Seafood program for three years.

Carter has been a commercial fisherman for many years. He

was twice an unsuccessful candidate for the Alaska House of Representatives.

The new executive director was born in Fort Yukon in 1931. He and his wife Nancy have three children. Carter also has three children from a former marriage.

Carter was one of 17 applicants for the AFN executive director position. Of them, two were presented to the AFN Board of Directors for final consideration.