

DEC announces new estimates for contaminated fish

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Samuel R. Pierce Jr. recently announced that 18 Indian housing authorities, including two in Alaska, have been awarded certificates of special recognition by the department.

HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing identified the winning housing authorities based on annual performance evaluations. Award recipients are recognized in two categories — Sustained Excellence and Significant Improvement in Operations.

The Association of Village Council Presidents Housing Authority in Bethel and the Copper River Basin Regional Housing Authority were both recognized in the Significant Improvement in Operations category.

AVCPHA has made significant strides in improving their overall program delivery and administration over the past three years, leaping from an administratively problem-riddled, financially troubled housing authority in 1983 to a financially solvent position in 1986, according to HUD.

The CRBRHA has reduced its administrative charge, despite increasing costs for administering its mutual help program. With one of the smallest staffs of any Indian housing authority in Alaska, the agency administers both the low-rent and mutual help programs.