

# Hoonah woman named to CFEC

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Marlene Johnson of Hoonah is the first Alaska Native and the first woman serve on the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC).

She was appointed by Governor Tony Knowles to complete the remainder of a four year term left vacant by a retiring commissioner.

Knowles said Johnson will be "a fierce champion for keeping permits in our coastal communities."

The three-member commission regulates and administers limited entry programs in Alaska's commercial fisheries.

Johnson was a director of Sealaska Corporation from 1971 to 1995. She now serves as manager of shareholder services

for Huna Totem Corporation.

In 1995, Johnson was named Citizen of the Year by the Alaska Federation of Natives. She delivered the keynote address at this year's Elders and Youth Conference, sponsored by AFN.

Johnson spoke to the *Tundra Times* after the keynote address. She encouraged the conference goers not to take the successes of the past for granted.

"Our lifestyle in the village has changed today, from what it used to be," she said. "And we have to continue to work to keep that lifestyle so it has the same value to people in the future that it has for us now."

Johnson goes to work at the \$73,500-a-year job for the commission in December. Her term expires in 1999.