

Nancy Gray Akpik Named TCC Exec. Dir.

FAIRBANKS—Nancy Gray Akpik, a young woman whose talents range from grant writing to whale hunting, has been named to the newly-created post of executive director of the Tanana Chiefs Conference.

Mitch Demientieff, president of the Tanana Chiefs Conference, announced the decision of his board of directors Wednesday.

The appointment of Akpik to fulfill administrative responsibilities related to current contracts will leave Demientieff with a greater amount of time for program development within the

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conference, he noted.

Demientieff said he would also retain policy control over all aspects of the total Tanana Chiefs program, ranging from the boarding home and Tanana Survival School programs to the Tanana Chiefs Conference Health Authority and health aide contracts.

Akpik's responsibilities will be mainly pursuant to state and federal contracts that we operate for health, education and social services, he said.

The new executive director first became involved in the land claims movement when serving as director of the Native Welcome Center in Anchorage in 1971.

She went to Washington, D.C. to lobby for passage of the land claims act and for minority manpower training programs.

She worked in economic development for the Arctic Slope Regional Corporation and served briefly as city manager of Barrow last year before moving to Fairbanks and becoming executive secretary to Demientieff, a post she vacated to become executive director.

The wife of Abel Akpik, president of the village corporation at Pt. Lay, she spent the past summer whaling on the North Slope.