

Bethel Fish Co-op Says Thanks to Gov.

JUNEAU— Seventy-three members of the Kuskokwim Fishermen Cooperative in Bethel, Alaska, signed their names to two letters received by Governor Keith H. Miller last Friday in the wake of a successful king salmon season in that Western Alaska delta region.

The successful season and resultant letters were, in large measure, products of an agreement reached during March and April of this year which involved the Cooperative and the Governor's Office.

The effect of the agreement was to allow sale of Alaskan Salmon to foreign processors provided that the processing work be done by Alaskan workers and that the majority of it be done aboard the Cooperative's work barge.

Effective for only this season,

the agreement anticipates the Cooperative having its own processing facilities, capable of handling the entire catch, readied by next year.

The longer of the two letters signed by fishermen read in part:

"We, the undersigned, being fishing members of the Kuskokwim Fishermen Cooperative, having finished a prosperous king salmon season, wish to thank you for making it possible for us to sell our fish at a good price by your understanding of our need."

The second letter signed by processors read substantially the same, referring to the signers' work in "the processing of kings and related jobs," and also thanked the Governor.

About a dozen villages in the delta area were represented by the signers of the two letters to Governor Miller.