

# RurAL-CAP

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# MARINE MAMMAL MANAGEMENT DISCUSSED

## First Meeting Discusses Problems— Rural Energy Task Force Meets

The Rural Energy Task Force met on Nov. 20, 1975 at the Alaska Energy Office. The members are Roger Riddell, director of HUD, represented by Peter McGee; Mary M. Stachelrodt, director of Rural Energy-RurAL CAP; Max Dolchok, education coordinator for ANICA; Bob Witt of Standard Oil; Mike Harper, deputy commissioner of Department of Community

and Regional Affairs; Jim LaBeau, representing BIA (Jim Shanks from the Bethel BIA office was also present), and Commissioner Harry Shawback; Clark Boston of Rural Development Assistance (RDA); Mike Whitehead, special assistant to the governor, and Lloyd Hodsen, general manager for Alaska Village Electric Co-op. The chairman of the Task Force is Bill McConkey, director of the Alaska Energy Office.

This was the first meeting of the group, to discuss the Rural Energy problems. The RurAL CAP Board of Directors had asked the governor for a special session after their Kotzebue meeting for the purpose of addressing the Rural Energy problems. Out of this a Rural Energy Task Force was formed.

The information has been gathered by the Alaska Energy Office and RurAL CAP to determine why and where the rural energy problems lie. Fuel distribution and storage facilities, status of the air transport of hazardous materials, review of funding entities for bulk storage and fuel loans, review of existing federal and state statutes regulating the trans-

portation of fuels, an evaluation of existing sources of funds (Standard Oil, RurAL CAP, BIA, Small Business Administration, RDA, Native corporations) to meet energy needs, and the energy legislative session were the main issues discussed.

This was mainly a discussion group, and several recommendations were made to the Chairman Bill McConkey. The question of the Department of Transportation and their role versus the fuel transportation lines was brought forth and responsibilities of the housing agencies discussed.

RDA has funds that can be granted to communities wishing to install fuel storage facilities. BIA has some Indian Business Development funds that can be used for the fuel business.

The next meeting is scheduled for Dec. 11, 1975 at which time, written recommendations will be submitted for review by the Task Force. If there is any particular area of concern by a community or agency that wants to make a recommendations on energy, the appropriate agency should be contacted before the next Task Force meeting.

## Bush Representatives From Alaska's West Coast Present Views

The continuing question of the future of Marine Mammal management was discussed in a three-day meeting of the U.S. Marine Mammal Commission in Anchorage on Nov. 13-15.

Rural representatives from the West Coast of Alaska were present to air their views on the possible transfer of management authority from the Federal Department of Commerce and Interior to the State of Alaska.

Under the present structure, only Alaskan Natives are permitted to harvest marine mammals.

The state has not guaranteed a continuing access for Native people, although Jim Brooks, commissioner of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, has said, "Regulations we have proposed to the federal government in our attempts to regain management authority continue to recognize subsistence utilization, and our subsistence policy considers this to be the first priority utilization of game resources in Alaska."

Native people aren't too sure. While the Alaska Department of Fish and Game has a "subsistence policy" some point to the recent Musk Ox hunts on Nunivak and Nelson Islands (for which \$500 tag fees for residents were changed) as an example of the state's disregard for the subsistence needs of village people.

They argue that similar high

fees could be levied against Natives who have traditionally hunted walrus and other Marine Mammals should management authority revert to the state.

Another argument advanced in favor of a return to state management, was that local people could realize significant cash return by guiding and outfitting commercial and sport hunting parties. As well, proponents argued, use of hides, ivory, etc. could assist in establishing a thriving industry in the villages.

Basically, then, a problem of "subsistence versus development" is emerging, one which will be around for a long time.

RurAL CAP has stated, through resolution and testimony by Peter Kunnuk, staff nutrition coordinator, that decisions regarding management cannot be made by bureaucrats, instead CAP has urged that extensive public hearings be held in the coastal regions before any changes to the present management structure are permitted, a sentiment echoed by AFN and other individuals in attendance at the meeting.

## Hd. Start Puts On Volunteer Contest

Head Start is sponsoring a volunteer contest.

The center with the most hours volunteered in the classroom from Oct. 1 to April 1, will win a grand prize.

This prize will be the choice of a set of outdoor playground equipment, or a large library of books and reading readiness materials. A second and third prize, collections of books, will also be awarded.

Help your center win the grand prize! Come out and volunteer in your Head Start classroom now!



### HELPFUL TIPS

If the holiday season presents you with that annual decision — what sort of present to present to the woman in your life — then here are some helpful hints on gift giving.

1. A gift should be something a person would not usually buy herself. It should be something either whimsical or pretty or especially luxurious.

2. A good gift should appeal to the eye in its pack-



aging. For example, interesting scents packed in interesting forms make a present many women appreciate.

3. It's nice to give something that can be used immediately to add to the holiday spirit. Fragrance can be sprayed right on for a festive feeling. A nice idea is a special gift package of Chantilly by Houbigant with eau de toilette for the moment and Bubbly Milk Bath for luxurious moments later on.

4. Remember that a gift expresses your feelings on a level that words can't. So choose carefully what you say this Christmas.

Keep a presence of mind when choosing presents, and this Christmas your loved ones may consider you a super giver.



PUPILS PLAYING DOCTOR, Nurse and Patient at Fortuna Ledge enjoy their role-playing and the pretending helps to make the real doctor's visit easier to understand and less frightening.



CHILD CLEAN-UP COMMITTEE busily cleans up the table after lunch at the Fortuna Ledge Head Start center. Committee members are Rena Owletuck, Theresa Shorty and Donna Fitka.

## Alaskans Travel to Dallas

Five staff and three parents from RurAL CAP Child Development programs attended the annual conference of the National Association for the Education of Young Children, held in Dallas, Texas on Nov. 12 to 15.

Head Start staff who attended were Elizabeth Goodwin and Carrie Evak from Kotzebue and Kalen Saxton, Shannon Grubbe and Linda Rowell from Anchorage.

Dora Moore, teacher-director of the Head Start program at Emmonak was sent by the Parent Committee of that village, who raised the funds themselves.

Chris Cochran, a parent from Anchorage, and Sharon Moore a parent from Kodiak went as members of the State Policy Council. They will report on the conference at the next Policy Council meeting in Anchorage on Jan. 15 and 16.

The keynote address on Friday morning was given by William G. Demmert, Jr., deputy commissioner, Office of Indian Education, HEW, Office of Education, Washington, D.C.

Bill is a Tlingit from Craig, Alaska. His topic was Education — A Family Responsibility. During his talk he related some of his early educational experiences to the 3,000 early childhood educators at the conference.

He emphasized the devasta-

ting effect to children when parents are not involved in their child's education and the tremendous positive effect on children when parents are involved in the planning and day-to-day activities such as with Head Start.

Another interesting speaker was George Gonzalez, director Bilingual Bicultural Studies Program, Pan American University, Edinburg, Texas.

His discussion related to the strong emphasis of the Office of Child Development to promote and expand bilingual bicultural programs.

He felt many programs that claimed to be bilingual bicultural were still making a token effort. He urged educators and administrators to take a hard look at what parents were asking for and what is being provided.

At the American Indian Center of Dallas there is a preschool for two to six year olds. At the present time 16 different tribes from across the United States are represented.

There is a strong emphasis on Indian identity with art work, songs, dancing, stories, and crafts all drawn from various Indian tribes.

The building is truly a community center with rooms upstairs for recreation or meetings, and offices for help in locating housing, employment, or any needed social services.