

Gill Net License Due June 1

Yukon River commercial fishermen are reminded that June 1 is the deadline for submission of gill net gear and net vessel license applications for the coming season.

Applications must be delivered to the Anchorage Fish and Game office (333 Raspberry Road) or postmarked no later than June 1.

Fishermen should also be aware that several new regulations related to subsistence and commercial fishing in the Upper-Yukon drainage were adopted by the Board of Fish and Game last fall.

Information regarding these changes may be obtained from the Commercial Fisheries Biologist now stationed at the Fairbanks office.

Foreign Fish Fleet Grows

The foreign commercial fishing fleet operating off Alaska increased by three ships last week bringing the total to 241 vessels, according to a Coast Guard and National Marine Fisheries report.

Sen. Ted Stevens said the weekly fisheries patrol summary listed 71 Russian, 166 Japanese and South Korean vessels operating in the Alaska fishery as of May 3.

During the same period last year 69 Russians, 183 Japanese and two South Korean vessels were sighted.

As in previous weeks, the bulk of the activity was reported in the groundfish and crab fisheries northwest of the Alaska Peninsula.

Other foreign ships were reported fishing for blackcod, perch and groundfish along the coast from the Aleutians to the Panhandle.

Hensley Calls For Unity

Senator Willie Hensley recently called on Alaskans to unite in the common fight against outside control. Speaking to the Northwest Regional Democratic Convention in Kotzebue, Hensley said Alaskans must never allow the same mistakes in Alaska as have been made in other developing states.

"We are now at the crossroads," he said. "Whether we opt for uncontrolled, shotgun development or an orderly plan of controlled progress depends on the decisions we make now. It would be foolish to think we can stop the hands of the clock in Alaska."

"But it would be equally foolish to move ahead without first deciding on a sensible plan of development which will benefit all Alaskans economically while preserving our great land."

Discussing the Native Land Claims Settlement Act, the Democratic congressional candidate told his audience that many urban businessmen fought the settlement. But he hailed the appearance of what he called a "new attitude."

In Hensley's words, "Those same businessmen are realizing that justice for one group of Alaskans is a step forward for all Alaskans. They are realizing that the millions ceded to Alaska Natives under the Settlement Act will be pumped back into the state to provide a new base for Alaska's economy. Throughout the state, Alaskans must realize that we are all economically bound together."

Hensley said regional ties have been necessary in the past for political strength and protection. But he added the future will lie in Alaska's ability to rise above the limits of regionalism to present a united citizenship.

"Sensible, effective land use planning, so necessary to the optimum use of non-use of Alaskan resources, will require not a regional approach, but a statewide effort."

Hensley pointed out that Alaska is facing a period of growth and development. And he said he feels it is imperative that Alaska controls its own future, and that "the combined efforts of all Alaskans, no matter what their regional background, are consolidated into a united effort."

"Alaskans must fully control the important decisions affecting their state."

"This can only be done if we approach the problem as Alaskans. Listening to each others needs, backing each other, and respecting varying ways of life and each individual's right to it."



BIA PERSONNEL DIRECTOR — Ignatius L. Billy, a California Pomo, left, is congratulated by Indian Commissioner Morris Thompson after being named Director of Personnel for the Bureau of — (AIPA Newsphoto courtesy BIA.)

Red Tape Hurts National Guard

Sen. Ted Stevens says Army red tape is hamstringing efforts of the Alaska National Guard Scout Battalions.

At issue, the senator said recently, are 196 snowmobiles requested by the Guard — and denied by the Army — since 1969.

The vehicles are required for Scout Battalion missions in remote areas of Alaska, areas in which snowmobiles are the only functional vehicles for supply, medical evacuation, reconnaissance and other missions, Stevens said.

"In spite of the well-documented, long-standing requirement for these most important vehicles, their procurement and supply to the Alaska National Guard Scout Battalions appears to be hung up by jargon such as type classification, equipment authorization and policies criterias — in essence, red tape," Stevens said.

The senator made his protest in a wire to Army Secretary Howard H. Callaway, Chief of Staff Gen. Greighton W. Abrams and Lt. Gen. E.H. Almquist, Abrams' assistant for force development.

Stevens asked the Army officials to personally look into the five-year delay in authorizing purchase of the snowmobiles.

The senator's wire also offered to accompany the three officials "to Alaskan outposts in the dead of our severe winter season so you can better appreciate the requirement."



Charlie "Etuk" Edwardsen Jr., whose story on the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act is now being told in the book "Etuk," by his friend Hugh Gallagher was back in Alaska last week, enroute to Barrow for a few days of whale hunting with his father, Charles Edwardsen Sr.

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