

To Take Job with NANA Corp.—

AFN's John Shively to Resign

John Shively, Executive Vice President in the Land Claims Division of the Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc. for the past two and a half years will leave AFN August 8 to work with NANA Regional Corporation in Kotzebue.

Though John will be working closely with AFN in his position with NANA, he will sure be missed around here. He has seen AFN through some trying times and has continued to be a diligent supporter of the Land Claims cause.

Prior to joining AFN, John was Executive Director at Rural CAP.

Shively said, "It was not an easy decision to leave AFN. I have certainly enjoyed my working relationship with AFN and sincerely appreciate the confidence and support that has been shown me by the Board of Directors.

"In my position with NANA, I will be working on issues of mutual concern so I am sure I will be working with many of you as individuals in Regions or through AFN.

"I believe that the Native community has a great future in front of them. I have always considered the Land Claims Act to be full of problems, but also full of opportunities. By making the best of those opportunities, it is my belief that the Alaska Natives will become the first minority group in the history of this country to be able to have a major economic impact on western society while still providing a system which can preserve traditional language, culture, and living patterns.

"A lot of people do not feel that is possible, but after working here at AFN, I really believe that with the kind of sensitive leadership that I see in the Native community, this seemingly impossible task will be overcome."

Best wishes to a great co-worker and soft-ball coach. (John has been coaching AFN's Women's Softball team this summer.)