

RurAL CAP hosts workshop on co-management

A half-day workshop addressing co-management agreements between subsistence users and federal agencies is scheduled for October 18, immediately preceding the AFN Convention on October 19 - 21, at the Egan Convention Center in Anchorage. The workshop begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 12:00 noon.

Co-sponsored by the Rural Alaska Community Action Program and the Alaska Federation of Natives, the workshop is intended to educate and inform participants

of the process that has emerged regarding co-management agreements between subsistence users and federal agencies, and to provide a forum for dialogue.

The workshop is being organized to provide maximum participation of rural Alaskans and will be moderated by Larry Merculieff, chair of the Indigenous People's Council for Marine Mammals (IPCoMM).

Representatives of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service are being invited to render the federal perspec-

tive of co-management agreements.

Other topics to be addressed during the workshop include a briefing on the Marine Mammal Protection Act; the IPCoMM-AFN-AITC Co-Management Committee; Co-Management Principles; and Negotiating Agreements.

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