

## Revised Net Gear Licenses For All Areas

The Alaska Board of Fish and Game concluded its special meeting at Juneau on February 13, 1968 after adopting in revised form a regulation which establishes eligibility requirements for 1968 salmon net gear licenses in all areas of the State.

In further action the Board reconsidered and finally rejected a regulation adopted at its regular December meeting which established special conditions regarding eligibility for 1968 salmon net gear licenses for the Bristol Bay area.

In making this announcement for the Board, Commissioner Urban C. "Pete" Nelson, of the Department of Fish and Game, emphasized the point that the new salmon net gear license regulation, which was filed with the Secretary of State on Feb. 19, 1968, will apply with equal force to all salmon registration areas of the State, including Bristol Bay.

Nelson said that the new regulation provides three methods by which individuals can obtain 1968 salmon net gear licenses. These are as follows:

1) Prior licensing, wherein individuals who held Alaska salmon net gear licenses for 1965, 1966 or 1967 are automatically eligible for 1968 licenses for the area fished in the three preceding years.

2) Hardship situations, which include commitments, within specified dates, to purchase or construct a salmon net vessel, or purchase salmon net gear; and the inability to license salmon net gear in Alaska during 1965, 1966 and 1967 for reasons beyond the control of the applicant such as military service, or illness.

3) New entry, wherein otherwise unqualified individuals will be allowed to license salmon net gear. New entrants for any Salmon Registration Area may not exceed 3% of the average number of salmon net licenses issued annually for that area from 1960 to 1967. If the number of applicants for any area exceeds the specified number, the new entrants will be selected by means of a public drawing.

Other provisions of the regulation provide for the issuance of licenses if required by new and developing salmon net fisheries in

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scheduled to arrive at the Monroe auditorium FNA potlatch at 6:30 p.m. where he will be introduced by Richard Frank, president of the Fairbanks Native Association. Hickel will then give a brief talk to the audience.

Sometime after that, Gov. Hickel will participate in the native invitational dance after which he will watch ten-minute native dances both Indian and Eskimo.

Native dancers will be from Northway, Barrow, Minto, and other villages.

After the native dance exhibition, the Governor will leave the potlatch and return to the State Capitol in Juneau the next morning.



## George "Huslia Hustler" Attla Relaxes After Winning Sled Dog Classic

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## George Attla Wins Race . . .

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Dear Editor:

I became acquainted with your wonderful newspaper through my father "Irish" Stjepetin of St. Paul. Now that I live on the "outside" it gives me a touch of home I couldn't get from any other paper.

My father and I would like to thank you for the coverage you gave Eddie Merculieff. He was a leader and my cousin.

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certain areas; and transfers from one area to another under certain conditions.

Commercial license vendors of the Department of Revenue are now issuing licenses in accordance with the provisions of the new regulation, and the Department of Fish and Game is making hardship determinations as required, Nelson said. "We will have the complete 1968 commercial fishing regulations ready for distribution as soon as possible. Until such time, individuals desiring more information should contact their local office of the Department of Fish and Game or write directly to the Commissioner of the Department of Fish and Game at Juneau."

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get toward agreement."

He said the State was represented by Atty. Gen. Edgar P. Boyko and that the Governor had promised the Task Force that he would introduce the state legislation.

"While we commend the Governor for commissioning the Task Force, we patiently await his introduction of the state legislation," Notti said.

Touching on the contents of the bills that have met with some opposition, Emil Notti declared:

"A fair settlement to the land issue that puts money from the Outer Continental Shelf into circulation in rural Alaska, will mark the true beginning of development in the villages of Alaska.

"Money from the continental shelf would normally go to the federal government and the State would not normally get any part of this.

"Money from that resource would not require an appropriation by the Congress. And considering the fact that it is in lieu of Court of Claims action which could drag on

for another hundred years, it is in the best interest of all the people of Alaska, native or non-native, to support the legislation.

"As for the miners who have claims, the bills provide ample protection for their rights.

"As for the conservation people—the native people have been traditionally the greatest conservationists in the world. And it is inconceivable that they will not continue to have high regard for the wildlife that has provided them with a livelihood for unknown centuries past."

Notti said he hoped that all responsible Alaskans would support the present legislation to bring about an early solution to a very difficult problem.

"Further delay will only complicate the picture," he declared. "The native people have acted responsibly and have cooperated with state and federal government in good faith yielding to many demands to bring about an early and fair settlement."

to fight off determined Bill Sturdevant of Anchorage who finished in the incredible 45 seconds behind Attla for the distance of 75 miles.

"I could see him all the way but I figured I had him beat," Attla told the press in Anchorage after the final heat.

George Attla led the field of 20 dog sled racers on the final day and finished in the overall time of 311 minutes and 42 seconds for the 75-mile distance.

Sturdevant finished in 312:27; Charles Belford, Deerfield, Mass., was third in the time of 313:59; fourth, Dr. Roland Lombard, Wayland, Mass., 320:46; Rayme Redington, Anchorage, 323:54; Warner Vent, Fairbanks, 324:14; Joe Redington, Jr., Flatthorn Lake, 326:24; Beattus Moses, Alakaket, 333:24; Andy Jimmy, Minto, 336:23; Pete Shepherd, Fairbanks, 339:40; Don Bowles, Eagle River, 340:40; Anne Wing, Millbrook, N.Y., 342:03;

Earl Norris, Anchorage, 347:37; John Honea, Ruby, 350:59; Dick Mackey, 351:26; Stan Barney, 353:08; Tim Redington, Anchorage, 354:35; Jerry Riley, Nenana, 357:45; Gary Gunkel, Anchorage, 376:57; Peter Jacob, Bethel, 396:00.

Three racers dropped out after meeting with difficulties and they were: Steve Lasonsky, Fairbanks; Jim Stevens, Anchorage; and Gareth Wright, Fairbanks.

George Attla of Huslia, known in the dog racing world as the "Huslia Hustler," has been racing for many years. He had won the Anchorage race twice before.

Dr. Lombard has been dominating that race for past several years having won four times.

Out of the \$7,000 prize money for the Anchorage race, George Attla's share totalled \$2,100.

The next big race will be held in Fairbanks on March 15-16-17, the North American Championship Sled Dog Race.

## Rasmuson Announces Candidacy . .

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ate for the United States Senate now held by Ernest Gruening. It is my plan to make my formal filing early in May."

He said that a group of friends had formed last October to urge him to become a candidate for the Senate.

"At that time my position, as you know," Rasmuson told Davenney, "was that I strongly felt that any such move must be based upon the widest possible knowledge of what the people of Alaska hope to see accomplished for their state in the years ahead."

Rasmuson has been traveling throughout most of the state, including some outlying areas. He visited Barrow last week.

He said his conversations and observations have con-

vinced him that a great surge of spirit and enterprise was swelling everywhere in Alaska.

"I have also become convinced that Alaskans above all seek action—not sloganeering and repetition of political clichés," he said.

Following his formal filing in May, Rasmuson hopes to be able to proceed with a clearcut campaign characterized by real solid purpose.

"I believe the voters very much desire such an approach to public office—that they want the facts presented as clearly as possible, as objectively as possible; and that they are both willing and able to make the wisest possible decision on the basis of such a campaign," Rasmuson stated.