

Sandra Borbridge named governor's assistant

Sealaska shareholder Sandra Borbridge has been named to fill the new job of special assistant for minority and rural affairs for Gov. Bill Sheffield.

Borbridge, 32, a former Goldbelt Inc. special assistant, will be an aide to Sheffield and will work with the Commissioners on Community and Regional Affairs from his office. She said her position will not be decision-making but as a staff assistant.

"I will be working with programs from all departments where they impact different areas of minority concern," said Borbridge.

"The first week on the job I was learning about energy and hepatitis B."

Borbridge was born in Juneau but moved to Anchorage where she graduated from high school. She attended college in business administration but quit eight years ago with

one semester to go before receiving a degree.

She returned to school and graduated with a bachelors degree in business administration from the University of Alaska, Anchorage in 1981.

During the eight year hiatus from school she worked in several different jobs including as a special assistant to the president of Goldbelt Inc., the village corporation of Juneau.

Borbridge also worked on

the political campaigns of unsuccessful Democratic gubernatorial candidate Steve Cowper of Fairbanks and as rural liaison for Sheffield's run for the governor's chair.

She also commercial fished for two summers and had hoped to do so again this year. She expects her duties for Sheffield will keep her too busy, however. "I'm going to miss that," she says.

Borbridge said her new posi-

tion is a great point of pride for her well-known father, John Borbridge, who gained statewide recognition for his major part in the passage of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act and as the first president of the Sealaska Regional Corp.

"He's proud. He says he's finally starting to be known as Sandra's father," she says with a smile.