

# **Collection of Fish Donated**

**FAIRBANKS** — A collection of fish from around Kodiak Island has been donated to the University of Alaska's Museum at Fairbanks. Two Alaska Department of Fish and Game biologists from Kodiak, Pat Holmes and Guy Powell, collected the fish last year while carrying out studies on the shrimp and crab resources of Alaska.

Dr. James Morrow, an associate of the museum and a UA professor of zoology, identified and integrated the donated specimens into the museum fish collection. The donation comprised 193 specimens and contained one species, *Lumpenus medius*, the stout eelbenny, never before recorded south of the Bering Sea.

Also identified from the assemblage was *Liparis ingens*, a snailfish, which until now, had never been recorded in Alaska. Ten species from the donated group were not previously found in the university's fish collection.

The collections maintained at the museum are important for studies of systematics, bio-geography, ecology and other related fields, which are of the utmost importance to a better understanding of Alaska and its resources.

In particular, environmental impact statements need the identifications and information that often can be found only in museum collections.

Collections are available to viewing and utilization by any interested persons.