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RURALCAP DEFINES SUBSISTENCE

Subsistence Concerns Villages

Strong village concern was repeated over and over regarding the possible loss of subsistence hunting by many speakers at the Joint Federal - State Land Use Planning Commission Subsistence Hearing, held in Juneau February 5-6.

RurAL CAP sponsored Jimmy Huntington, Galena; Nick Gregory, Egegik; and Bill Barr of Shishmaref who presented some steering testimony and proposed changes for consideration by the State Fish and Game Board.

Jay Hammond, State Representative from the Bristol Bay area, proved to be a strong supporter of many of the proposed changes that are being offered by village leaders. Commissioner James Brooks of the Department of Fish and Game presented the policy on subsistence hunting, as mandated by the Governor's office and declared that subsistence or domestic utilization of wildlife was the number one priority for the Department of Fish and Game.

The rural vested interests did present their case and it is hoped that proposed regulation changes and proper consideration is given to these regulations by the State Fish and Game Board at their spring board meeting.



DIRECTORS DISCUSS SUBSISTENCE — RurAL CAP Regional Directors discuss Subsistence at their meeting February 2, in Anchorage at the new RurAL CAP office.

'Subsistence is a Basic Human Right'

In order for any constructive attempts for legislative action or regulation of laws pertaining to subsistence hunting and fishing, the word subsistence must be clarified and defined from the standpoint of Alaskan Eskimos, Indians and Aleuts so that our legislators in

Juneau can come up with a workable plan to protect the aboriginal rights of subsistence hunting and fishing.

This was done at the February 2 meeting of the RurAL CAP Regional Directors. Subsistence was defined as:

Subsistence is a basic human right or full, unrestricted, utilization and protection of any or all available resources in order

to sustain and guarantee physical, environmental, and cultural survival.

The basic subsistence of China consists of rice. The basic subsistence of Western Europe and urban America is the cash market economy.

Alaska is unique. Here the subsistence values of the Western culture are in open conflict with the unique subsistence values of indigenous Indian, Eskimo, and Aleut populations. These subsistence values are still vital to our 50,000 Alaskan Indian, Aleuts, and Eskimos, as they have been for countless thousands of years, as they will be for hundreds of years in the future.

Only in Alaska, in all of North American history, does the opportunity exist to protect the basic human right of subsistence for all citizens.

We believe that Western and traditional values can live side by side; but just as Indians, Eskimos, and Aleuts have no right to destroy the cultural values of the White Man, neither do White Men have a right to destroy the cultural values and life-styles of Indians, Eskimos, and Aleuts.

With that in mind, and with the very question of survival in mind, we respectfully present the following proposals:

The Fish and Game Board should set seasonal opening and closing dates which are responsive to local suggestions and needs, as determined by public hearings within each region; no aircraft hunter may hunt the same day as those species of game for which he is required to have a trophy tag, and that no permanent structure may be constructed on public lands; and the Board of Fish and Game should establish experimental restricted zones where the taking of animals is limited and where no terrain vehicles are to be used.

Legislators are to be urged to enact legislation which would impose trophy tag fees ten times their current cost for those species required for salvage under the wanton waste laws provided further that 90% of such fee shall be refunded by the State upon submission of evidence satisfying the Department of Fish and Wildlife that the meat has been properly salvaged. Such evidence demonstrating proper utilization shall require an affidavit from either a State Fish and Game agent, Protection Officer, or Village Council, thus having witnessed proper salvage in the area, asserting that the meat has been received by them for utilization.

NEW ADDRESS

The RurAL CAP central office has moved to 1016 E. 4th Ave., Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

ANCSA Information is Mailed by Community Education Task Force

The activities of the Task Force for Community Education (outlined in the January 9 TUNDRA TIMES) have been expanded by RurAL CAP. At its December meeting the RurAL CAP Board of Directors felt that the efforts of the Task Force to disseminate information about the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to rural

villages were useful but not widespread enough.

The Board directed RurAL CAP to assemble packages of the materials that the Task Force was using and distribute them to all schools throughout the state.

The packages were assembled and a brief teacher's guide was written. Frank Barthel, who teaches a Land Claims course at Bethel Regional High School was in Anchorage with several of his students to attend the Alaska Federation of Natives Convention. He and his students gave RurAL CAP valuable assistance in the writing of the teacher's guide.

The bulk of the packages have been mailed to schools throughout the state. RurAL CAP has a limited number of packages still available but Nils Sara, RurAL CAP Trainer, says that these will go first to schools that were missed in the mailing. Any school that could benefit from these materials should con-

tact RurAL CAP if a package was not received.

The packages consist of the following materials:

— A study guide by the Adult Literacy Laboratory

— ANCSA Educational Handbook by Alaska Legal Services

— Land Selection - A Guide to Land Selection Activities by RurAL CAP

— Summary and Analysis of ANCSA by RurAL CAP

— Understanding Native Claims by Phil Holdsworth (A reprint from the Alaska Construction and Oil Report)

Native News - Bureau of Indian Affairs Bulletin on the ANCSA

— Alaska Federation of Natives, TUNDRA TIMES Special Land Claims edition

Included in the packages were the brief teacher's guide letter and a memorandum from Commissioner Marshall Lind, Department of Education for the State of Alaska, supporting the project.

Jaycees Help 'Mainstream'

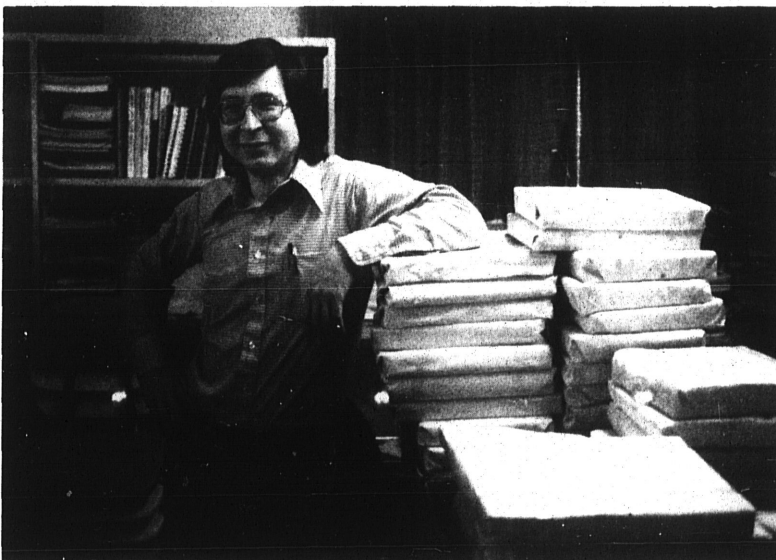
An ambitious project termed "Operation Mainstream" is enlisting the Jaycees to help in the war on poverty in conjunction with the poverty agencies in the State of Alaska. The Alaska Jaycees conducted a seminar on the Operation Mainstream on February 2, at the Anchorage International Inn to which they invited social workers and poverty warriors from the Greater Anchorage Area Community Action Agency, RurAL Alaska Community Action Program, the Older Persons Action Group, and the Anchorage Human Rights Commission.

State Jaycee Executive Members, Jerry Riggan and Wayne Mabry, charged the fellow Jaycee Chapters from across the state that this would be a number one priority this year and that the meeting should be a spring board for cooperative efforts with these agencies to become involved in programs and projects that might help poor people in their home communities.

Mrs. Agnes Harrison gave a rousing challenge to the Jaycees to work in coordination with the people most affected by poverty, as did Mr. Vince Casey, Anchorage Human Rights Executive Director.

The Southeast Chapters of the Jaycees will be assisting the Southeast Alaska Community Action Program in developing a regionalized fire protection program that could involve bringing fire extinguishers to every low-income home in the targeted areas.

The poverty professionals were in unanimous agreement that the Jaycees were ambitiously tackling an area that previously, their group had no experience in and the poverty workers genuinely appreciated the efforts. State President Maybrook concluded the day-long seminar by challenging the state-wide gathering to cooperate with the agencies and to make this a very successful program in the coming year.



RURALCAP TRAINER — Nils P. Sara, Trainer for RurAL CAP, stands beside some of the packages that went out in RurAL CAP's statewide mailing.