



# RurAl-CAP



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# ALLOTMENT CONFERENCE IS SUCCESSFUL

## High Seas Management of Fisheries Is Issue

International high seas management of the fisheries resource is an issue which must be addressed immediately. Adequate plans to conserve these living resources must be centered around the State of Alaska's local efforts in hatcheries activity, reported Mark Johnson of the Bristol Bay Area Development Corporation on Friday.

Mr. James Brooks, Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game has recently stated that within the time frame of one year, his department would be unable to utilize 1 1/2 million dollars in funds earmarked for fisheries rehabilitation in Bristol Bay.

Although the department currently has projected programs to rehabilitate the Sockeye Salmon resource, it is questionable whether or not this plan is adequate to deal with the needs of Bristol Bay.

High seas fishing pressure in natural conditions has caused a major lack in this vital resource resulting in the disaster of Bristol Bay. It appears that intensive rehabilitation programs could potentially return this resource to its previous levels of production.

One thing to be emphasized

is that the Native stocks to these waters must be used in some type of rehabilitation program if we are to save the resource.

The hatchery programs provide long-term solutions to the maximum sustain yield of these fisheries as well as providing additional industrial potentials.

It is discouraging that Commissioner Brooks and his staff find it not necessary to even

research these potentials on an in-depth basis. Their decision to relinquish this opportunity limits their support of any maximum sustain yield program.

If the state is not interested in the rehabilitation of these vital resources, how can the Federal Government be expected to take international action complementary to programs on a state level.

## Head Start Center Coming Year

Roger Mooney, Director of Child Development, is pleased to report that there will be a new Head Start Center this coming school year for the Island of St. Paul on the Aleutian Chain.

The new Head Start Center was approved by the RurAl CAP Board of Directors at their May 15 and 16 meeting held in Fort Yukon following a decision by the State Policy Council of Head Start.

The center will begin operation in September and Head Start Staff have planned a trip to St. Paul for orientation and pre-service training to the staff and parents of the Head Start children. This training is scheduled for July.

Head Start Programs are largely the responsibility of a Local Policy Council which consists

of Head Start parents and any other interested members of the community.

At least half of the members should be parents but any member of the community interested may serve on the Policy Council.

In St. Paul, it is hoped that that the local health aide and the Village Council President and possibly a representative of the school will be members of the Policy Council, reports Roger Mooney.

This is the first of such programs for the Aleutian Chain, reported Mooney and Dimitri Philemonof, Director of the Aleutian Planning Commission and the two directors feel very optimistic that this will prove fruitful for the Chain.

## This Village Can Be Free of Liquor

As the residents of Venetie and Arctic Village wish to keep their village free from liquor and drugs, the following shall be in effect to help eliminate the problem.

Any person entering the Venetie/Arctic Village Indian Reservation at Venetie shall be asked to consent to a search of their baggage and/or luggage and themselves by the Venetie Council or its designated representatives.

If consent is denied, the person will not be allowed to enter the Reservation and the person's baggage and/or luggage will be returned via the method of its arrival. Furthermore, the Coun-

cil will not be held responsible for the person's fare money from Venetie to final destined location.

Any drugs discovered will be immediately reported to Alaska State Troopers in the area. Any person discovered drinking in the village shall be liable for the following fines:

1. first offense - \$25 fine payable within 10 days
2. second offense - will be up to the Village Council to decide what the amount of the fine will be. Payable in 14 days.
3. third offense - Offender will be turned over to the Alaska State Trooper

## Meeting Criticizes BLM On Guaranteed Lands

Delegates to a two-day conference on Native Land Allotments held in Anchorage last week adopted a statement which says, in part, "... We find that the policy developed by BLM is illegal, immoral, and is designed to rob Alaskan Natives of land rights guaranteed them by Federal law."

The conference was called by AFN after it became known that nearly 90% of the applications being processed by BLM were rejected for various reasons.

The meeting chaired by AFN President, Roger Lang, was well-attended by representatives of the RurAl CAP Development Corporations from throughout the state.

RurAl CAP, AFN, and Legal Services were instrumental in helping eligible Native people to make out their applications during '68, '69, '70 and '71.

Among the 21 recommendations of the conference were the following:

The Allotment applicant or his designated representative must be present during the field investigation.

BLM revise the job description for field investigators to require knowledge of traditional Native use and occupancy and that BLM replace present field investigators with Alaskan Natives who are familiar with traditional use and occupancy.

BLM revise the job description for adjudicators to require knowledge of traditional Native use and occupancy and that the present BLM adjudicators be required to become familiar with traditional Native use and occupancy or be replaced.

Allotment applicants be given 90 days from the date of receipt to respond to the BLM's notice of intention to reject or reduce an allotment application.

The Department of Interior shall increase the staffing of the Bureau of Indian Affairs realty staff or contracting with regional corporations so that the BIA or the regional corporations can assist allotment applicants in collecting affidavits and other evidence which would prove the

individual's claim of use and occupancy.

Mineral potential of allotment lands should be determined during field investigations and not by using United States Geological Survey classification.

BLM shall not use representatives of the federal agencies, such as the forest service who have vested interests in the land claimed for allotments, as field investigators in allotment claims.

Allotment applications which have been filed with a responsible government agency by eligible Alaskan Natives, but which were not filed prior to Dec. 18, 1971 with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, shall be considered as legitimate applications.

Allotment applications which have been rejected or reduced previous to the implementation of any or all of the above recommendations shall be reviewed by BLM and BIA and any allotments which would have been approved if the new guidelines were in effect, shall then be approved.

## Rev. Sharing

RurAl CAP Regional Directors and representatives from regional boards and communities spent most of last Wednesday in a meeting with Bill Pritchard from the Department of Community and Regional Affairs.

At the meeting, the subjects of State and Federal Revenue Sharing, second class cities, and Regional Government were discussed.

Mr. Pritchard pointed out that questionnaires will be mailed to all incorporated municipalities by July 10. These must be completed and returned to the Department of Community and Regional Affairs no later than Oct. 15 if a community is to receive its share of the State Revenues during the coming year.

He also stressed the importance of in-kind contributions, when a community is showing how much support they have given to various programs.

On the topic of Regional Government, it was pointed out that the Legislature has the power to create Regional Government (Boroughs) throughout the state. A bill submitted a couple of years ago would have done that, but it did not pass.

Rural people should start thinking about the possibilities, however, and work with their development corporations to start long-range planning for Regional Government in the future.

According to Mike Harper, RurAl CAP Executive Director, "This was a good meeting, involving people from all over the state and we certainly want to thank the Department of Community and Regional Affairs, and Mr. Pritchard in particular for their assistance."

## SEACAP Meet Held In Hyدابurg

Mike Harper, executive director of RurAl CAP, was in attendance and reported on the meeting of the Southeast Alaska Community Action Program's Board Meeting held in Hyدابurg last month.

Accompanying Mr. Harper on the trip was Jackie Dailey, the new program development specialist for RurAl CAP.

Harper said that the meeting was a very successful one in which new board officers were elected: Richard Whittaker being elected as board chairman, Tiny Triplett as vice-chairman and Dorothy Williams taking the position of secretary.

Many agencies were represented at the meeting and various presentations were made. Harper spoke on the present status of the Office of Economic Opportunity funding situation and its effect on the RurAl CAP organization and SEACAP.

Other presentations included: Mr. Don Monroe reporting on the Alaska State Museum, Mr. Walt McPherson from the University of Alaska Extension Service, Mr. Ron Flynn with the Department of Environmental Conservation, Don Ploxy/Alaska Legal Services, and Jackie Dailey who spoke on the present situation of the 2-C study.

Also in attendance was Mr. Ray Paddock of the Tlingit-Haida Central Council reporting on the housing situation in Southeast and Dave Eisenberg with the Community Enterprise Development Corporation reporting on the assistance that CEDC had given in Southeast and other areas.

All visitors were treated to a fabulous Indian dinner provided by the citizens of Hyدابurg.



ST. PAUL — Pictured above, St. Paul, a community located on the south coast of St. Paul Island, with an approximate population of 400 (summer) and the site of the new Head Start Program.