

At Fisheries Conference—

Mixed Reactions

By DOROTHY ANDERSON

Mixed reactions have emerged as a result of the Bristol Bay International Marine Fisheries Conference called by the Bristol Bay Area Development Corporation. How productive has any conference been shortly after it was completed?

When Mr. Nick Gregory, president of the BBADC made his opening remarks to the conferees, he stated: "We are primarily interested in finding answers to why our fishing problem exists, what is being done now and what is being planned for the future regarding the continual decline of the Bristol Bay fishery."

Gregory went on to say, "We must have answers to:

1. What is proposed by the state, federal government and the International Marine Pacific Conference to solve the fisheries problem in Bristol Bay?
2. Will effective restraints be placed upon the foreign high seas salmon fisheries?
3. Can our inshore fisheries survive as a significant contributor to the regional economy within the time frame and under the restrictions which rehabilitation of the salmon stocks will require?
4. Will the appropriate Federal, State and local resources be marshalled in order to preserve the human as well as the natural resources of our homeland?
5. What can the State and Federal governments do about

the following:

- A. Sea Mammal Act — with the protection of our sea mammals, a big factor of the depletion of Bristol Bay Salmon, since all sea mammals feed on salmon.
- B. The trout, Dolly Varden and rainbow are known as predators. Will the State allow fresh water fisheries to exist to cut down on these predators?

6. The most important question is: How are the fishermen of Bristol Bay going to support their families during the hard times coming."

Gregory closed his comments by saying, "The people are expecting commitments during this fisheries conference assuring the fishermen that immediate action will be taken."

Were commitments made? "Absolutely no commitments were made at the conference," stated Donald Nielsen of the Task Force. Nielsen said that for fishermen who have fished the past 20-30 years, this conference was mainly a rehashing of what they have heard before.

Lyle Smith, a fisherman for twenty years, said he felt great disgust when he heard one speaker say, "We can't do anything now about the high seas fishing. We have to wait for the Law of the Seas Conference." Smith wondered how 100 nations would agree on something that 5 or 6 people find hard to agree on.

Other fishermen questioned the State's enthusiasm over the development of fish hatcheries without taking positive action on the high seas fishing. "Are we to hatch eggs to produce fish for the Japanese to take out there on the high seas?" the fishermen asked. The State gave no answer.

Task Force members feel the meeting will produce results. The governor is being asked to classify this as a disaster area so that federal aid in the form of money to create jobs can be given the fishing communities in the area.

A resolution was formed asking that a sum of money equal to the value of those Bristol Bay salmon taken by the Japanese on the high seas be provided to the State for rehabilitation of the fishery and for allocation to those Bristol Bay communities that have historically depended on this fishery for their existence.

The Task Force is planning to make copies of the presentations made at the conference, questions and answers given or not given. The material along with an evaluation of the conference is to be published and will be sent to Canadian and Japanese officials, members of the United States Congress and the State legislature.

One thing is clear, the fishermen of Bristol Bay are not going to give up their fishery.

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Native Language Ctr.

By MARILYN RICHARDS

Participants from as far away as Wisconsin, Quebec and Washington, D.C. attended the Alaska Native Language Center Advisory Board Conference April 23-25 at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks.

Other guests represented the Alaska Humanities Forum, Alaska Department of Education, the Tanana Chiefs Conference, the Alaska Native Education Board, Alaska State Operated Schools, the Ahna Language Project in Glennallen, and a Johnson-O'Malley delegation consisting of BIA and AFN officials.

Alaska Methodist University, Sheldon Jackson College, the Summer Institute of Linguistics, the Kuskokwim Community College and various city and borough school officials from the state, also, came.

The Eskimo Language Workshop, the Center for Northern Educational Research, the Alaska Education Program for Inter-cultural Communication; which are all housed on the Fairbanks campus and other university officials also attended.

The purpose of this broad gathering was to hear reports of the ANLC's and other agencies' bi-lingual educational and training programs. After hearing about their programs' success and downfalls there will also be anticipation for improvement, said Vera Kaneshiro, an ANLC's Siberian Yupik language specialist.

Michael Krauss, director of the ANLC said in a letter to the board and other conference members, "This meeting brings together people from all parts of Alaska who care about Alaska's native languages, and also people from other parts of the United States and Canada with very similar concerns."

"There are a number of agencies in Alaska committed to the cause of Alaska's native language who need to hear more about each other's work. There are agencies outside of Alaska involved in basically the same as Navajo in New Mexico, and Inuit in Quebec. We are all deeply dedicated to the maintenance and cultivation of America's native languages."

"Every year more people realize the importance of this cause and become committed to this movement, a struggle against enormous forces. To succeed in its urgent task, this movement needs unity."

"We hope that the exchange of experiences and ideas amongst the people at this meeting will inspire and help unite us all, and will help the Alaska Native Language Center Advisory Board in the important decisions it needs to make for the future of Alaska's native languages."

John Beaudoin of Milwaukee, the administrator coordinator of the University of Wisconsin's Native American Language Project explained his program's goals.

The purpose and goods of the Coalition of American Indian Language Teachers, his group, are: certification of Native Americans who teach their ancestral

languages, teacher training, accreditation by school systems, awareness by parents, re-education of parents toward their Indian language, instilling a sense of pride and identity, to attract the elders to participate in the development of the languages and that languages will be taught according to terms set by the Indian people.

Dr. Thomas Johnston, a visiting ethnomusicologist at the U of A stated in his presentation, "Guidelines for Indian-Operated Revitalizational Musicology" that culture and music and language are all one with each other.

Julia Ann Grissy, a representative of Dr. William Demmert, a Tlingit-Ogala Sioux with the Department of Health, Education and Welfare in Washington, D.C. explained the 1973 Indian Education Act. She requested the conference members to send the 1973 Indian Education Act. She requested the conference members to send their ideas, suggestions and needs to the HEW Indian Office of Education, 400 Maryland Ave., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20202.

Dr. Raymond Gagne is director of the University of Quebec's Project for Amerindianization. An example of dedication in his teaching training program, he cited, is a mother of nine children who is expecting a tenth. This woman had only three years of education in a white school but is a very dedicated teacher of Indian.

Bilingual Education Bills S.2553 and S.2552 (amendment of Title VII) were also reviewed in the conference. The bills are designed to improve the bilingual and bicultural education opportunities for children of limited English-speaking ability. Sen. Ted Kennedy, D-Mass., who is sponsoring the bills planned on his representatives attending the conference but word was sent that they are continuing to work on these bills in Congress.

The movies, "Education in Eskimo — An Experiment in Bilingual Education" and "Tun-nermiut — Eskimo Language/Cultural Experiment" were shown to the group. A reception was held at the home of Dr. Frank Darnell in honor of the board.

The Alaska Native Language Center Advisory Board and the conference was chaired by June Nelson of Kotzebue. The ANLC was established in 1972 by an act of the state legislature. The legislature also passed two other acts dealing in Alaska Native languages.

The acts authorized bilingual education in state operated schools where children speak a Native language and appropriated funds to implement the programs.



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Those Alaska lands open to homesteading are not near any roads so all equipment for farming and building in addition to food supplies must be flown in or perhaps in certain areas shipped by river boat. This makes farming very expensive. In addition, the growing season in these areas is rather short while the winters are severe, making the chances for a profitable operation less likely.

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