

AWA in opposition of oil lease sale

The Alaska Workers Alliance, at its last organizational meeting in Anchorage (March 31) passed a resolution voicing opposition to the Department of the Interior's proposed April 13 oil lease sale in the Gulf of Alaska.

The resolution also called on all Alaskan workers to participate in the Alaska-wide demonstrations held on April 13 which had been called for by the Alaskan Alliance for democratic resource management to show Alaskan opposition to the sale.

The resolution stated in part:

"The proposed OCS lease sale in the northern Gulf of Alaska directly threatens stable Alaskan jobs based upon the renewable fishery resource. The short-term transient jobs OCS development will bring are further outweighed by the negative social impact upon our coastal communities.

"Almost every agency that has reviewed the lease sale has recommended against it. Secretary of the Interior Kleppe's decision to go ahead with the sale is a further example of the lack of self-determination of the Alaskan people to do what is best for Alaska."