

## Fish &amp; Game—

## Predicts Fish Harvest

JUNEAU — The Department of Fish and Game is predicting a statewide commercial salmon harvest of 37.8 million fish in 1976. If realized, the catch would be an increase of about 12 million over last year and the highest since 1971.

Steve Pennoyer, senior research biologist for the department, told the Board of Fisheries meeting in Juneau Dec. 2 that while the fisheries are still suffering from the effects of the severe winters of 1970-1971 and 1971-1972, improvements in a number of areas are possible this coming season.

Pennoyer cited the pink salmon fishery at Kodiak and the pink and chum salmon runs in Prince William Sound as examples of fisheries showing recovery because of adequate escapement and good stream-bed survival.

The Prince William Sound forecast, for example, projects an allowable harvest of 5.2 million pink salmon and a chum harvest of 2.8 million. Even if the 1976 chum run is in the lower part of the forecast range, it will still be the largest on record for the Prince William Sound area.

The Department of Fish and Game is predicting a harvest

of about 10.1 million pink salmon in the Kodiak area out of a run that could total about 12.9 million fish. Fishermen harvested about 2.9 million pinks at Kodiak in 1975.

The forecasts predict harvestable returns of sockeye salmon in all Bristol Bay systems except the Snake River. A harvest of about 5.1 million fish should be possible out of the projected sockeye run of 12 million. Nushagak district pink salmon harvests are expected to total about 2.2 million fish.

A small pink salmon harvest is expected in southern Cook Inlet and the Chignik fishery probably will be limited.

Extremely low pink salmon are expected in Southeastern Alaska with virtually no harvests expected.

A total run of 5.6 million pinks is predicted for Southeastern Alaska and unless the returns are stronger than expected, all or most of the fish will be needed for escapement, Pennoyer said.

Returns of chum, chinook, sockeye and coho salmon are expected to be about average in Southeastern Alaska.

"But if the factors which weakened the 1975 runs of chum, sockeye and coho influence the 1976 return, runs of these species could also be less than anticipated," Pennoyer said.

The extremely cold winters of 1970-1971 and 1971-1972 are believed to be the major factor causing the currently depressed salmon runs throughout much of Alaska.

The Board of Fisheries is meeting in Juneau to consider proposed changes in the sport, commercial and subsistence fishing regulations.

## Now Chartered Chapter False Statements

## Lead to Jail Sentence

The Cook Inlet Council on Alcoholism was formed in late November on the Kenai Peninsula and has become Chartered Chapter No. 16 of the National Council on Alcoholism—Alaska Region, according to Judith M. Hart, community programs director for NCA-AR.

A non-profit organization, the council's function will be referral, education and counseling. Future plans will be discussed with the aid of community input according to a spokesman for the new council.

Thirty persons were in attendance at the first organizational meeting with representatives from Homer, Sterling, Funny River, Kenai and Soldotna. At that meeting, 15 board members agreed to serve with officers elected to serve until the fledgling council's first annual meeting in January.

Those elected include Joyce Nelson, president; Greg Ballentine, vice-president; Darlene Krietberg, treasurer; and Mary Cousen, secretary.

Other board members are Ralph Rector, Stan Wells, Clare

Swan, Judy Downs, Jetta Brewer, Bob Devold, Bill Nelson, Charlotte Hutchens, Marquis Targansky, June Sengyke and Tom Roberson.

Mrs. Billie Hardy was appointed to handle public relations and the first board meeting was scheduled to be held at the Kenai Elementary School Dec. 4. The public is welcome to attend all meetings of the new council, Mrs. Hardy said.

A total of 42 charter members were reported for the new alcoholism council with a membership drive to be scheduled in the near future. "Your \$5 membership may save a life and it may be yours," Mrs. Hardy added.

Public input from the Cook Inlet area is solicited by President Nelson. Mrs. Nelson said, "Alcoholism is recognizable and treatable. The council will benefit every area of our community—the hospitals, police force, judges, schools, and residents."

For information, speakers or problems, Mrs. Nelson asked peninsula residents to call her at 283-4693.

JUNEAU — Commissioner of Labor Edmund N. Orbeck, announced that on Nov. 10, 1975 James M. Hale of Anchorage was sentenced on 11 counts of making false statements to obtain Unemployment Insurance benefits. Judge Laurel Peterson sentenced the defendant to 60 days with 50 days suspended.

Said suspension was based upon the condition that he make full restitution to the State of Alaska within 90 days, and that he have no similar violations for the period of one year.

The Department of Labor Investigations Unit uncovered the fraud through a computer cross-match audit which is conducted each quarter. The audit indicated that Mr. Hale had earnings during the same quarter as that in which he drew Unemployment Insurance benefits.

Further investigation uncovered sufficient evidence to lead to the above conviction.

## The Nurse-Midwife Gives Modern Maternal Health Care

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Mention the words, nurse-midwife, and most people still think of a woman trudging along a dirt road toward a lonely shack where she will deliver a baby by light of kerosene lamp.

Well, to paraphrase, we've come a long way, baby, from this fading image. The word "midwife" means "with the woman" and that tradition rightly remains. But the professional skills and educational background of today's certified nurse-midwife make her an important member of a hospital- or clinic-based health care team.

Training more nurse-midwives can lighten the caseload of obstetricians and gynecologists by managing the care of healthy women through the maternity cycle.

In Charleston we have begun a nurse-midwife training program at the Medical University of South Carolina with the help of a grant from the March of Dimes. In cooperation with the department of obstetrics and gynecology, and the college of nursing, our curriculum combines self-paced units of instruction with supervised clinical experience in both maternal and infant health care.

## Team Training

The students, all registered nurses, work with our nurse-midwife faculty at University Hospital, two satellite health department clinics in outlying rural districts, an adolescent pregnancy clinic, and a home for single mothers.

In South Carolina, a nurse-midwife is legally and professionally qualified to administer complete prenatal care, follow the mother through labor and perform the delivery, and provide postpartum care. Patient education is another important aspect of our program. This includes nutritional guidance, courses on the stages of pregnancy and fetal development, and preparation for childbirth.

Since we believe very strongly in family-centered maternity care, we invite the woman's husband, or any other person she chooses, to come with her to prenatal visits so we can discuss any questions they have. If they wish to be together during labor and delivery, we ask them to attend our childbirth education classes.

## Meeting Needs

The role of the college-edu-

see clinic patients and private patients whose obstetricians have told them of our services. It is up to the woman to decide if she wants our care, provided, of course, her pregnancy is entirely normal.

At the satellite clinics, a number of women now seek regular prenatal care. The professional or health attention we provide spares them traveling 75 or 80 miles to Charleston for a regular visit. All patients who go to satel-



IT'S NOT ONLY PROUD RELATIVES who crowd around a nursery window. Candace Duran, R.N. (center), a student in the nurse-midwifery program at Medical University of South Carolina, joins program director, Carmela Caverio, C.N.M. (right), and Sister Mary Norma Pacenta, C.N.M., on morning rounds of the maternity floor. Certified nurse-midwives are on 24-hour call for labor and delivery.

lited nurse-midwife takes on special significance in a state like South Carolina, where we have a high infant mortality rate and areas where there is an acute shortage of doctors and other professional health care personnel.

By training nurse-midwives to bring those services needed by a woman and infant for healthy outcome of pregnancy to understaffed areas, we will help improve delivery of maternal and infant health care where they are needed most.

We teach our students how to respond to both the physical and emotional needs of the mother. In order to guide a woman through pregnancy, labor, and delivery, we not only need to know what is normal, but what signals a risk to mother or baby. At the first sign of complications, we call in the obstetrician.

At University Hospital we

lite clinics are delivered at the hospital. This ensures a patient's access to the modern facilities that are her best guarantee of a healthy delivery. And if there are complications, mother and baby are protected by physicians and nurses who specialize in intensive care techniques.

## Follow-up Care

After the baby is born, we continue to see mother and infant at postpartum visits. During this time, the mother may have problems that we can help her with, either directly, or through referrals to other health and social services. Since family planning is a major concern, we give her the information she needs in this area as well.

If nurse-midwives have come a long way, we still have a long way to go. And we're anxious to go the distance.

## Man Sentenced For Filing False W-4E

FAIRBANKS — The U.S. Attorney's Office announced today that John D. Collins of Bakersfield, Calif., was sentenced to six months in jail and fined \$300 for filing a false and fraudulent W-4E with his employer Acme Electric Company, Inc.

The six-month sentence was suspended and he was placed on probation for that period of time. Part of Mr. Collins' condition of probation included the payment of his 1974 and 1975 income tax liabilities.

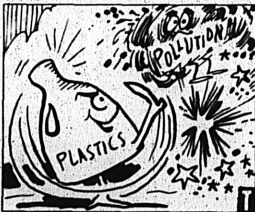
Collins was sentenced last week after entering a plea of nolo contendere in the Fairbanks U.S. District Court on charges of filing a false and fraudulent Exemption from Withholding Certificate (Form W-4E) with his employer, Acme Electric Company, Inc., Fairbanks, Alaska, on or about July 25, 1974.

The charge of which Mr. Collins was convicted states that while employed as an electrician on the Trans-Alaskan Pipeline he filed the false Form W-4E with his employer, certifying under penalties of perjury that he had not incurred a 1973 Federal Income Tax liability when he knew he had incurred a tax liability that year.

## Protecting Our Environment

## HOW PLASTICS HELP

Even though plastic materials, mainly packaging, make up less than two percent of solid waste, the increasing popularity of plastics spells good environmental news, for even as waste, plastics have some very desirable properties.



The current most commonly used method of disposal is dumping as landfill. Fortunately in this regard, the decomposition of plastics is very slow, gas generation is minimal, and ground waters are not polluted!

In the future, the news may be even better, for it is now possible to dispose of plastics through modern incineration, and then put the energy generated by the fire to good use! Many such installations are being constructed or planned right now.

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