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# Refrigeration training course offered

During the month of March, CEDC, in conjunction with the Matanuska-Susitna Community College and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), sponsored a five-week training program in refrigeration equipment maintenance for its assisted fisheries ventures.

Representatives from the fish co-ops in Golovin, Elim, Marshall, Emmonak (See REFRIGERATION page six)

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and Kuskokwim participated in the program which was held at the community college in Palmer.

The course, entitled "Introduction to Refrigeration Plant Operation and Maintenance," was designed to acquaint the trainees with the principles of operation and maintenance of refrigeration systems typical of those utilized in seafood processing plants in Alaska. The major subject areas of the course included: refrigeration principles, electrical principles, operation/maintenance and troubleshooting procedures.

The course placed its major emphasis on the actual operation of the refrigeration plant. This included start-up, operation and shut-down, charging and maintaining refrigerant levels, and leak detection and repair for both freon and ammonia systems. In addition, the trainees were given instruction in the proper use of refrigeration servicing tools and test equipment.

At the conclusion of the five-week course, the students were taken to view an ammonia freezing system in a cold storage facility in Seward.

The course was satisfactorily completed by all nine participants and it is hoped that another such course can be offered again next year.