

# New liaison named for Bethel

Chuck Hunt has been named as the Native liaison specialist for the Clarence Rhode National Wildlife Range at Bethel, Alaska, according to Keith Schreiner, Director for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Alaska.

Formerly a lands coordinator with Nunam Kitlutsati, a Native conservation organization, Hunt comes to the Fish and Wildlife Service with a wide range of experience in the lands and

Native issues areas.

Refuge Manager, Charles Strickland says that the refuge will benefit greatly from Chuck's addition to the staff. "His experience in working throughout the Delta with numerous agencies and organizations will be very valuable to our program," Strickland said.

Hunt will be involved in all phases of the refuge management program. This will include

assisting with wildlife surveys, waterfowl banding, wildlife management studies, archaeological projects, and Muskox hunt and transplant activities. He will make frequent trips throughout the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta region to attend meetings and explain refuge programs.

Before joining Nunam Kitlutsati, where he dealt with such issues as the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, Marine Mammal Protection Act, and Migratory Bird Treaty Act, he worked for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Calista Corporation, and was a captain in the Alaska National Guard Eskimo Scouts.

Strickland says of Hunt, "I think Chuck already has the reputation for being very honest and has earned the respect and confidence of many of the people we will be representing," Strickland said. "This will help lead to the cooperative effort necessary for the proper management of the wildlife resource."