



JIMMY AKARAN

Fish and Wildlife Names Native liaison

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Anchorage has announced the appointment of Jimmy Akaran as the new Native liaison specialist for the Clarence Rhode National Wildlife Range headquartered in Bethel.

The post was created in order to increase communications between residents of the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta and the Interior Department agency.

Akaran will also be responsible for working with the 10-man Clarence Rhode Advisory Board established through a cooperative management agreement with Yupik-Bista, the social political arm of the Association of Village Council Pres-

idents.

For nearly five years he worked summers for the Alaska State Department of Fish and Game, mostly in the Yukon Delta area. During this time he conducted test fishing counts and collected data for subsistence fishing studies.

He received an associate science degree from the University of Alaska, Fairbanks in 1975 and has served in the National Guard as a radio operator and tank driver.

Akaran was born in the small village of Chaniliak near the mouth of the Yukon River and has lived on the Delta most of his life. He is married and presently resides in Bethel.

BLM restructures easement meetings

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) previously announced on Feb. 13 that a public meeting would be held on March 18 and 19 at Sydney Laurence Auditorium in Anchorage.

The purpose of the meeting was to explain Secretarial Order No. 2982, which establishes criteria for easements across Native lands, and BLM procedures under that order.

"As a result of comments BLM received after the announcement was made, we feel it would be more beneficial to all concerned," said State Director Curtis V. McVee, "if instead of one large public meeting, individual meetings were scheduled with interested organizations and groups to explain the procedures, answer any questions, and allow for input into interpretation of the guidelines."

Informal meetings are now being arranged with the Alaska Federation of Natives, state officials, the Federal-State Land Use Planning Commission, the Fairbanks and Alaska Centers for the Environment, the Easement Defense Fund, the Alaska Miners Association, and the Alaska Professional Hunters Association, Inc.

The schedule for these meetings can be obtained from the BLM Public Affairs Office at 277-1561 Ext. 158.

In addition, an evening meet-

ing to explain the easement program to the general public will be held on March 18 from 7-9 p.m. at BLM's Anchorage District Office located at 4700 East 72nd Ave. in Anchorage.

\$1500 to be awarded for new poetry

A grand prize of \$1500 will be awarded in a new poetry contest sponsored by World of Poetry, a monthly newsletter for poets.

Poems of all styles and on any subject are eligible to compete for the grand prize or for 49 other cash or merchandise awards. Second place is \$500.

Says Contest Director Joseph Mellon, "We want to encourage poets—even poets who have written only one poem!"

Rules and entry forms are available from: World of Poetry, 801 Portola Dr., Dept. 211, San Francisco, Calif. 94127.

Contest closes March 31, 1976.



It is said that the first public library was founded in Athens in 540 B.C.

Over pipe welds—

Ketchbaw sues Alyeska

With extreme reluctance, Ketchbaw Industries has instructed its attorneys to file suit against the Alyeska Pipeline Service Company and others involved in the construction of the Trans-Alaska Oil Pipeline.

Also named in the suit is the United States Department of the Interior, and the Alaska Department of Natural Resources. The suit was filed in Superior Court in Anchorage by the law firm of Edgar Paul Boyko and Associates.

Ketchbaw is seeking almost \$40 million dollars and the document filed in court contains astonishing information.

Referring to that information, the company's president, Tom Ketchbaw said, "I don't enjoy pointing an accusing finger at anybody. But, there seems to be serious deficiencies in the pipeline building procedures, and those deficiencies do not lie with Ketchbaw Industries... even though Ketchbaw Industries has apparently been selected as a scapegoat, to divert attention from the real problems."

According to the complaint the deficiencies are indeed serious. For example, it was not Ketchbaw Industries which had authority for final disposition of the welds on the pipeline. Bechtel Incorporated, along with Alyeska, had the final word.

It was that firm, working with Alyeska's knowledge, which allowed pipeline welds which had not been inspected to be made inaccessible to the Ketchbaw inspection personnel.

It was that company, along with Alyeska Pipeline Service Company, which has allowed burial of defective welds. How many? More than 600!

And, while making it impossible for Ketchbaw employees to properly inspect portions of the line, Alyeska contractors placed into the Alaskan permafrost, pipe on which critical welds requiring inspection had never been checked at all.

So anxious was Alyeska to get the pipe into position, that knowing what was going on, it allowed the Ketchbaw inspectors to be given misleading information which led to the X-raying of welds which had already been X-rayed!

These inspection reports were labeled in such a manner as to cause records to show that they were the inspections of pipe which was totally inaccessible to Ketchbaw employees.

VA trying to reach female vets

In a continuing effort to reach female veterans who may be eligible for a special GI Bill payment, the Veterans Administration is sending letters to 75,000 women who attended school under the GI Bill between June 1, 1966 and Oct. 24, 1972.

They are being notified of retroactive allowances to equalize payments with male veterans who were married while in training.

To receive the lump sum of about \$30 per month for each month she was in GI Bill training, the veteran must furnish proof of marriage while in training.

A form is provided on the reverse of the letter which must be mailed to the VA regional office before July 1.

Ketchbaw Industries intends to prove through its law suit, that there is a plan to systematically destroy Ketchbaw's long-standing reputation, its business and its credit.

Ketchbaw says in its complaint that considerable damage has been done to the company's name, and done purposely, with charges that Ketchbaw knowingly falsified inspection reports. It did not.

While Ketchbaw had a contract preventing it from talking to the press, Alyeska was feeding damaging information about Ketchbaw to reporters, through carefully prepared press releases issued to radio, television and newspapers. Ketchbaw considers that a tactic designed to cover up Alyeska's own wrong-doing.

The complaint filed in court carries with it a number of documents to support Ketchbaw's allegations.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH BARROW, ALASKA

FILE NUMBER: GA-14-76

PLACE OF HEARING: New North Slope Borough Office Building, Barrow, Alaska

DATE OF HEARING: March 9, 1976; 7:30 P.M.

SUBJECT OF HEARING: Public Hearing on the following ordinance which has been introduced for consideration by the Assembly of the North Slope Borough.

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE 75-3C AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM ORDINANCE 75-3.

This is a non-code ordinance amending the major Capital Improvements Program document. The ordinance includes construction start-up changes, new estimated costs and additional projects, with a revised and updated board election and bonding indebtedness schedule.

DATED: February 26, 1976
LLOYD A. KAKANA, Clerk
North Slope Borough

Pub.: March 3, 1976

LEGAL NOTICE

INVITATION FOR BIDS STATE OF ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

Sealed bids in single copy for furnishing all labor, materials and equipment, and performing all work on Project HHS-0005(17), College Rd.-Illinois St., College Rd.-Alder St., Chena Hot Springs Rd.-Steese Highway Intersections described herein, will be received until 2:00 p.m. prevailing time, March 25, 1976 in the Commissioner's Office, Department of Highways, Island Center Building, Douglas, Alaska.

This project will consist of intersection reconstruction at three locations; including the installation of one intersection signal system and one flashing beacon system.

Principal items of work consist of the following: 378 linear feet of standard curb and gutter; 326 linear feet and gutter removal; 136 square feet of standard signs. Lump sum items include: pavement construction, traffic signal system complete, flashing beacon system complete, highway lighting system complete, and painted traffic markings.

All work shall be completed in 120 calendar days.

In accordance with requirements set forth by the "Federal Highway Administration," the following provisions are made a part of all advertisements for highway construction contracts:

"bidders must submit certifications stating whether or not they intend to subcontract a portion of the work and, if so, that they have taken affirmative action to seek out and consider minority business enterprises as potential subcontractors. Each bidder intending to subcontract a portion of the contract work shall make contact with potential minority business enterprise subcontractors to affirmatively solicit their interest, capability, and prices, and shall document the results of such contacts. A bidder's failure to submit this certification or submission of a false certification shall render his bid nonresponsive."

Certification form (14-60) and a Directory of Minority Business Enterprises will be included with the bidding documents.

Plans and specifications may be obtained by all who have a bona fide need for them for bidding purposes from the Chief Road Design Engineer, P.O. Box 1467, Juneau, Alaska 99802 at a charge of \$10.00 (non-refundable) for each assembly. Checks or money orders should be made payable to: State of Alaska, Department of Highways. Plans may be examined at Department of Highway Offices in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Valdez.

Walter B. Parker
Commissioner of Highways
Pub.: March 3, 10 & 17, 1976

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Notice is hereby given that the State Board of Education proposes for adoption, amendment, or repeal, pursuant to its authority under AS 14.07.060, the following regulations in Title 4 of the Alaska Administrative Code.

1. 4AAC 06.020 is amended to provide that each school age child has a right to a free public education in his local community of residence and that he may not be required to live away from that community to obtain an education.

2. 4AAC 06.022 is adopted requiring the establishment of local elementary and secondary schools in communities where children are available to attend school; providing for a procedure whereby communities may request that no secondary school or only a partial secondary school be provided them; providing for a procedure by which to request extensions of time in which to provide a local school; and defining "communities" and what constitutes a child available to attend school.

3. 4AAC 06.024 is adopted establishing standards for small secondary schools; requiring an annual plan of service for each small secondary school; specifying the contents of the plan of service; and defining small secondary schools as those high schools enrolling 100 or fewer students.

4. 4AAC 09.030(8) is repealed.

5. 4AAC 09.040 is adopted, relating to school district requirements and funding of boarding programs for secondary school age children.

Copies of the proposed regulations may be obtained from the Commissioner of Education, Pouch F, Juneau, Alaska 99811. Notice is given that any person interested may present statements or arguments in writing, relevant to the action proposed, to the Commissioner of Education, Pouch F, Juneau, Alaska, 99811 before March 22, 1976.

The State Board of Education, upon its own motion, may at its first meeting after March 22, 1976, adopt the above proposals, substantially as set forth, without further notice. There will be public hearings on the proposed changes as follows:

7:30 p.m., March 8, Nome Elementary School, Nome, Alaska

7:30 p.m., March 9, Bethel Middle School, Bethel, Alaska

7:30 p.m., March 9, Dillingham High School, Dillingham, Alaska

7:30 p.m., March 10, Anchorage Borough School Dist. Office, Anchorage, Alaska

7:30 p.m., March 11, Bd. Room for School Dist., 308 Grant, Ketchikan, Alaska

For the State Board of Education, Juneau, Alaska, Katherine Hurley, Chairman, State Board of Education. Pub.: Feb. 25 and March 3, 1976

LEGAL NOTICE

INVITATION FOR BIDS STATE OF ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

Sealed bids in single copy for furnishing all labor, materials, and equipment, and performing all work on Project RF-062-1(15), Mile 1235 to the Canadian Border described herein, will be received until 2:00 p.m. prevailing time, March 18, 1976 in the Commissioner's Office, Department of Highways, Island Center Building, Douglas, Alaska.

This project will consist of removal and salvage of approximately 5,000 linear feet of cable type guardrail and furnishing and installation of approximately 5,000 linear feet of beam type guardrail.

Principal items of work consist of the following: 5,000 linear feet of beam type guardrail and type I post. Lump sum items include Removal and Salvage of Cable Type Guardrail. All work shall be completed in 60 Calendar days.

In accordance with requirements set forth by the "Federal Highway Administration," the following provisions are made a part of all advertisements for highway construction contracts:

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Plans and specifications may be obtained by all who have a bona fide need for them for bidding purposes from the Chief Road Design Engineer, P.O. Box 1467, Juneau, Alaska 99802 at a charge of \$10.00 (non-refundable) for each assembly. Checks or money orders should be made payable to: State of Alaska, Department of Highways. Plans may be examined at Department of Highway Offices in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Valdez.

Walter B. Parker
Commissioner of Highways
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