

# KODIAK ISLAND-WIDE CO-OP SYSTEM POSED

## Gov. Miller Declares State Administration To Assist RurAL CAP

A meeting of the Kodiak Area Community Development Corporation was held October 10 to discuss an island-wide co-op system.

Mr. N. Roy Goodman, Director of State Planning & Research and a member of the RurAL CAP Board of Directors was appointed by the Governor to attend this island-wide cooperative.

Governor Miller assured that his administration would assist in the planning wherever possible and practical.

The meeting was chaired by Harry Carter who has been spending a considerable amount of time during the past several months doing the groundwork for the area wide co-op federation.

The Karluk Cooperative, headed by Nick Malutin, is presently paying Mr. Carter's salary so that he can continue in this work.

The Karluk Co-op has thus far proven to be most successful of the several cooperatives on the Island of Kodiak.

The members of the Karluk Co-op and the members of the several other co-ops all agree that their strength in bargaining for fish price and their fishing supplies would be greatly strengthened if the island co-op federation were to become a reality.

Dolores Padilla, Regional Director for the Kodiak Area Community Development Corporation, is cooperating with the Karluk Co-op by providing Mr. Carter with travel funds.

Mrs. Padilla has requested special technical assistance to help the KADC develop a feasibility study for the co-op federation.

RurAL CAP has requested technical assistance from the State Economic Opportunity Office and it is expected that a proposal will be written early in November.

Both the State of Alaska and the Economic Development Administration have expressed some interest in funding a proposal of this type.