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FILM ON BRISTOL BAY FISHERMEN OK'D

SEACAP Starts Land Use Study

Another RurAL CAP Region to receive an Alaska Humanities Forum grant, for \$5,000, was SEACAP. According to Executive Director Reed Stoops, the project is designed to involve people in a discussion about past, present and future land use around the communities of Southeast Alaska.

Using a combination media presentation, which will include a 35 mm slide show and a short 16 mm film, the historic land use patterns around the SEACAP villages will be explored, as well as plans and differing views on future development.

Assisting SEACAP in the project will be humanist Professor Wally Olson, Assistant Professor of Anthropology and Sociology at Juneau Community College. As outlined, the project calls for a tape - slide show presentation of older people telling legends and stories about the land and historic patterns for its use.

The film portion of the grant will cover the different viewpoints of people in the Region on potential development in the future.

After the media presentation have been prepared, the presentation will tour to most of the villages in Southeast Alaska.

At meetings, people from the Region will discuss land use patterns in their own terms, using the presentation as a guideline for discussion.

Work on the project has already started. In Angoon, quite recently, audio-tapes were made of a village meeting at which some of the land use patterns in the past were discussed.

According to Stoops, the project fits in well with the Humanities Forum's State theme "Land Bridge to Community."

Given the enactment of the Native Claims Settlement Act and the land selection choices facing the people, Stoops feels that the grant will supply an impetus for discussion and ultimately wise selection.



SEACAP BOARD — Members of the Southeastern Alaska Community Action Program who met in Juneau on June 24 are, from left, Steve Hotch; Hoonah; Dick Whittaker, Ketchikan; Dave Bliss, staff member; Fannie Brown, Klawack; July Mears, Pelican; Mildren Sparks, Haines; Marlene Johnson, Hoonah; Dorothy Thornton, Juneau; Evelyn Myers, Juneau Alcoholism Counselor; Sylvester Peele, Hydaburg; Ray Smith, Yakutat; Wally Frank, Angoon; Reed Stoops, SEACAP Director; and Clarence Jackson from Kake. — Photo by "THE VOICE OF BROTHERHOOD."

Project To Promote Better Understanding

Trefon Angasan Jr., RurAL CAP Regional Director in the Bristol Bay Region, recently announced the awarding of a \$9,300 grant from the Alaska Humanities Forum.

The purpose of the grant is to fund a project entitled, "The Bristol Bay Fisheries Dialogue Project."

The heart of the proposal is a ½ hour documentary film, currently in production by film maker Phil Cook, which gives free play to the views and concerns of resident Bristol Bay area fishermen.

Subjects that the film will touch upon include such things as the economics of the fisheries, the recently enacted Limited Entry legislation, and Alaska Department of Fish and Game regulations concerning the fisheries.

Following completion of the film in mid-September, a series of meetings will be held in the Bristol Bay Region. Present at the meetings will be two "academic humanists", a requirement from the National Foundation for the Humanities in order to obtain funding for humanities projects.

The meetings will consist of the showing of the film, followed by a discussion led by Project Director Donald Neilson from South Naknek, and involving the humanists, Mr. Frank Flavin, Director of Alaska Legal Services, and Dr. Eugene Eaton, an economist from the University of Alaska in Anchorage.

Village meetings in the Bristol Bay area will be held in Naknek, South Naknek, Levelock, Koliganke, Dillingham, and Nondalton.

Following the village visits, a meeting will be held with the RurAL CAP Board of Directors in late November at which time the film will be presented and the information that was obtained from the meetings will be discussed.

The film is being prepared to fit the standard ½ hour commercial TV format, and attempts will be made to have it aired in Anchorage and Fairbanks as well as on the Bethel television outlet.

In this way, the experiences of rural Alaskans can be shared by residents of the more urban communities within the State.

Angasan sums up the project by quoting from the proposal's objective: "Awareness of each other, of each person's place in history, and of each person's place relative to his resource, will form a strong sense of community; and this community sense will spread, making it's benefits felt far outside the region."

Jobs Denied NYC and RDA

The Budget and Audit Committee's recent decision NOT to fund the Governor's proposed budget for expenditures of Federal Revenue Sharing, will have drastic effects on the already economically depressed job market through the State, reported Mike Harper, Executive Director of RurAL CAP.

"It is my understanding that funds for Neighborhood Youth Corps and funds for Rural Development amounting to enough money to fund 2,400 jobs throughout urban AND

rural Alaska were part of the package that was shelved by the virtue of the Committee's action. However, the 'Budget Committee' will reconsider this matter at their July 23 meeting."

The Budget and Audit Committee is chaired by C. R. Lewis (R-Anchorage) and is composed of: Clifford Groh (R), Orville Freeman (D), Frank Ferguson (I), Andy Warwick (R), Bud Saylor (R), Bill Ray (D), Ed Barber (D), Jess Harris (R), and Bob Palmer.

Recently the few viable economic activities such as the fishing industry have had very bad seasons creating severe economic hardships. The NYC and RDA funds have been one of the few ways for people to earn a living.

"I laud the Governor's intentions to utilize the Federal Revenue Sharing money in those areas that most obviously need it and certainly hope that the Committee reconsiders their former action," Harper said.

OEO - Less Endangered Than Before

According to recent reports from Washington, there is every indication that the Office of Economic Opportunity will be funded through FY 1974.

Mike Harper, Executive Director of RurAL CAP, reports that the OEO appropriations bill (what is attached to the Department of Labor - HEW appropriations bill) has passed the House of Representatives and is currently in the hands

of the Senate.

Indications at this point are that the Senate will pass the bill as approved by the full House. This would provide \$338.8 million dollars for OEO during the present fiscal year.

The problem with the appropriations bill in the past has been a general fear that the President would veto the bill once it reached his desk.

However informed sources

relate that the White House will no longer challenge the will of Congress on the OEO appropriations issue.

In commenting on the information, Harper said: "It is still too early to tell exactly how this will effect OEO programs in Alaska, but we at RurAL CAP feel quite confident that we will be able to run our program for at least another year."

Alaska Native Language Center To Appoint Board Of Directors

The Alaska Native Language Center of the University of Alaska announced plans today to appoint a Board of Directors to assist the Center in directing its efforts in the study of languages in Alaska.

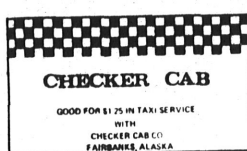
The new Board will be comprised of people involved in language study and bilingual education programs throughout the State. The Board will assist the Native Language Center in establishing policy and priorities for its operation.

"The involvement of Alaskan Native people in the direction of the Center is of utmost importance," according to Dr. Michael Krauss, Director of the Center, "and the appointment of this Board is a crucial step in the development of the Native

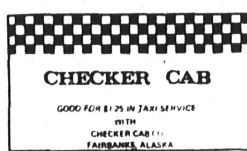
Language Center." Appointments are expected to be announced by August 1st.

Established by the legislature a year ago, the Alaska Native Language Center is designed to study languages native to Alaska, develop literacy materials, assist in the translation of important documents, provide for the development and dissemination of Alaska Native literature, and train Alaska Native language speakers to work as teachers and aides in bilingual classrooms.

Krauss has been involved for many years in the study and the development of programs in the various Native languages at the University of Alaska and received his appointment as director last fall.



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