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## STATEWIDE

### Permanent Fund Dividends Swell

The Permanent Fund is doing so well that fund managers are saying this year's dividend may be as high as \$570 for the 525,000 Alaskans who applied for their share of the pie.

## PRIBILOF ISLANDS

### Seal hunt will take place

The annual hunt for North Pacific Fur Seals will proceed under emergency regulations this year, despite the fact that ratification of the North Pacific Fur Seal Treaty is being held up by intransigent "greenie" groups more concerned about seals than about Aleut people. Leaders have requested an extension of the hunt to September 30, arguing that the August 1 closure doesn't give the hunters enough time to harvest enough seals to meet their subsistence needs.

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### WEIO

The World Eskimo Indian Olympics begins July 23-26 in Fairbanks at the Big Dipper arena. Tables will be available for arts and crafts sales. Registration can be obtained by contacting the WEIO headquarters at 452-6646.

## KOTZEBUE

### ICC to meet

The Inuit Circumpolar Conference, an international conference of Inuit from Alaska, Canada and Greenland, will meet in Kotzebue July 28-August 3.

## TOK

### "Wild Kingdom" co-host injured

Peter Gross, co-host of TV's long-running show "Wild Kingdom," was seriously injured while filming an episode of the show to air sometime next year. Gross jumped from a hovering helicopter to chase a moose calf, stumbled, and impaled himself on a dead spruce. Gross is recovering after several plastic surgery operations.

## HUSLIA

### First Native Women's Conference in Huslia

A weekend conference of Native women from Hughes, Fairbanks, Galena, Ruby, Nulato, Tanana, Minto, Kotzebue, Koyukuk, Anchorage and Kaltag was sponsored in Huslia by Native students of that village taking university classes there. The village turned out to meet the conference participants on snowmachines and three-wheelers.

The conference itself dealt with issues of importance to Native women, such as women's health, cultural values, education, and many other important social issues.

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### Local Option Bill signed by Governor Sheffield

Alaska communities will be able to vote their communities dry under a local option bill signed into law by Gov. Bill Sheffield recently. The law takes effect 90 days after the bill was signed, after which communities may vote to ban the possession of alcoholic beverages by people in the community.

Violation of the law would be punishable by a maximum \$1,000 fine, which many communities will allow to be worked off by doing community service and volunteer work.

## NELCHINA

### 1,300 Caribou Permits to be Issued

The Alaska Board of Game has decided to issue permits for 1,300 hunters for a September hunt in the Nelchina area. The hunt is by far the state's most popular, annually drawing up to 13,000 applications, about 80 percent of which go to Anchorage residents. Permit books and applications should be available at the Department of Fish and Game by July 1.

## NORTH SLOPE

### Doyon Drilling is Alaska's Safest Company

Doyon Drilling, a joint venture of Doyon, Ltd., and Nugget Alaska Drilling, recently won a national safety award for land-based class "D" drilling rigs for the third year in a row! The joint venture operation has won numerous other safety awards, including the Alaska Safety Advisory Councils Governor's Safety Award in 1985, which singled it out as Alaska's safest company in any industry.

Doyon Drilling, in addition to its great safety record, also maintains the state's highest percentage of Alaska hire and Alaska Native hire on their rigs.

## BETHEL

### Berger to Lecture at KCC

Judge Thomas Berger will be presenting a series of lectures based on his book, "Village Journey," the report he was commissioned to do by the Inuit Circumpolar Conference, an international organization concerned with issues that impact all Inuit people. The six lectures will be delivered next week at the Kuskokwim Community College, as part of their Summer Institute in Cross Cultural Studies.