

Hydaburg Fish Works Again in Production

The fish processing industry is producing again in Hydaburg for the first time in four years according to Commissioner of Economic Development, Frank Murkowski.

Shoshoni Incorporated of Boise, Idaho is operating the Hydaburg Co-op cannery which has lain idle since 1965.

Shoshoni will lease the plant for one year with option to buy. The company will employ local residents in the processing jobs. Shoshoni has purchased salmon roe from many Alaskan cold storage plants since 1966.

A diversified operation is planned with eventual processing of shrimp, caviar, crab, clams, fish bait and possibly sea cucumbers and nori kelp.

The cannery was originally financed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs working through the Hydaburg Cooperative Association. Continuing operation of the plant has been an objective of the Hydaburg community, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Department of Economic Development and Presbyterian Church of Alaska.