

IS THERE STATEWIDE FISHERIES POLICY?

AFN, Inc. to Sponsor Juneau Conference On February 7-8

A Fisheries Conference sponsored by the Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc. entitled "Is There a Statewide Fisheries Policy?" will be held in Juneau, Alaska on Feb. 7-8, 1975.

"The purpose of the conference is to determine whether there is a State Fisheries Policy," said Gordon Jackson, executive vice-president, Alaska Federation of Natives.

"If there is one, the people we invite will explain it once and for all. If there isn't one, hopefully the Conference will determine how we can proceed to secure a Fisheries Policy and perhaps how it can be done and implemented."

"We've asked Representative Nels A. Anderson, D-Dillingham, to chair the Conference" said Jackson.

"It was largely because of his strong advocacy supporting such a Conference and his expertise that we've invited him as Chairman. Hopefully he'll utilize the Conference as part of his activities to reach his goal of making 1975 the 'Year of the Salmon'."

"Other people we've invited to participate on the agenda include Governor Hammond to deliver the Keynote Address; Harry L. Rietze, Alaska Director, National Marine Fisheries; Jake Gregory, Fisherman and Chairman, Bristol Bay Native Corporation; James

Brooks, Commissioner, Department of Fish and Game; the Limited Entry Fishing Staff; Charles Meacham, Director, International Fisheries; Walt Parker, Commissioner, Department of Highways; Representative Terry Gardiner and many others.

"We are expecting a lot of people who are interested in, and concerned about, one of our largest renewable resources and employer — our fisheries."

The Conference is one of a series sponsored or co-sponsored by the Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc., Rural Alaska Community Action Program, and the Department of Community and Regional Affairs.

The purposes of these conferences include developing a position or legislation, strategy to implement the position or legislation, or bringing issues to the public for their reaction.

If you have any questions about the Conference, please call Human Resources at AFN (274-3611/extension 16).