

**RurAL-CAP****ACTION REPORTS**

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**TELEGRAM TO GOVERNOR JAY HAMMOND****Winterization**

Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Inc. (RurAL CAP) has been awarded a \$195,622 winterization grant from the Federal Community Services Administration.

The money will be used to purchase material and pay labor costs to insulate and renovate low-income homes in rural Alaska as part of a nationwide energy conservation program.

Phil Smith, Executive Director of RurAL CAP, said, "We are using \$80,000 of the grant to winterize homes in 10 communities in the Copper River area, Chistochina, Copper Center, Glennallen, Gulkana, Kenney Lake, Mentasta, Gakona, Chitina, Tazlina and Cantwell."

"We chose these Copper River communities," continued Smith, "because they are readily accessible by road and, therefore, the winterization project can be completed before snow fall. Also, the Copper River Native Association has just completed a housing survey outlining the specific needs of the communities."

Mary Stachelrodt, Energy Coordinator for RurAL CAP, said five communities in the Chignik area of the Alaska Peninsula will be recommended for a winterization project. Chignik is located south of Bristol Bay and is suffering from a very poor fishing season.

According to a recently completed housing survey of the Bristol Bay region, the average fuel bill in the Chignik area is about \$125 per month — winterization of homes could cut monthly fuel bills.

RurAL CAP may request a discretionary authority from the Community Services Administration to have ready money available to respond to emergency energy needs this winter, according to Smith.

The request will be made if fuel deliveries to rural communities are curtailed for any reason, and if no other assistance is available.

"We view this program as only the beginning of a partial solution to rural energy problems," said Smith. "However, we are encouraged that Congress has recognized the out-reach capabilities of the Community Action Program as the primary method of delivering emergency services to the poor and disadvantaged. We hope to prove with this program that this trust is not misplaced."

**TREFON ANGASAN, JR.****SAM FORTIER****Chignik Fishery Situation Is Topic**

The Chignik fishery situation was a main agenda topic when the Executive Committee of the Bristol Bay Native Association recently met in Chignik Lagoon. Pictured above are Trefon Angasan, Planner for the Bristol Bay Development Council, and Sam Fortier, Acting BBNA

Director.

At the meeting RurAL CAP Director Phil Smith, announced the CAP decision to assist in winterizing low-income homes and to provide support to local hunters to stretch the village food supply

**In the Event of Special Sess. CAP Asks Inclusion Of Energy and Fisheries**

RurAL CAP has endorsed the request of the Board of the Alaska Federation of Natives that in the event a Special Session is called by Governor Hammond on the medical malpractice issue that the agenda be revised to include the opportunity for legislative response to the energy crisis and depleted fisheries.

The text of the telegram was sent to Governor Hammond by RurAL CAP Executive Director, Phil Smith. Text is as follows:

"In the event that you are left with no choice but to call a Special Session of the Legislature to address the problem of medical malpractice, we would respectfully request that you add two items to the agenda:

"1. The severe economic depression being experienced in coastal communities because of the poor fishing season. As with the situation in Bristol Bay last year, RurAL CAP is committing program dollars to the Chigniks and Southeastern. However, a more comprehensive response from the Legislature appears to be indicated.

"2. The rural energy situation. RurAL CAP cannot do it alone.

The adverse decision by Judge Waddy underscores the crisis proportions of the problem. SB 391/392, which would have given energy office funds flexibility, died in the Senate Finance Committee last session. Help is needed.

"The AFN Board has formally requested expanding the agenda to include these concerns. We endorse their position. Please don't interpret this as RurAL CAP taking a position on the malpractice issue. We would regret the necessity of a special session on that topic alone.

"Thank you for your continuing concern. We will support the effort in any way we can."

Philip J. Smith  
Executive Director.

**Village of Huslia Gets Grant**

RDA has announced to the RurAL CAP Executive Committee that Huslia's application for \$20,000 has been granted. The Huslia Council had negotiated a loan from the RurAL CAP Bulk Storage Program in early June.

The total cost for the bulk storage (37,000 capacity) tanks was estimated at \$58,059 which included a consultant engineer to assist the village in the

installation.

The Huslia fuel had been delivered in 55 gallon drums by Yutana Barge. Mary Stachelrodt, Director of Rural Energy, worked closely with CNG Equipment and Supply to get the tanks delivered from Seattle this fall.

The tanks and equipment are presently in Nenana and are scheduled for a target date departure of September 2nd.

**HENNIGER RETURNS TO YAKUTAT**

Marion J. Henniger, long time RurAL CAP Head Start employee, has returned to Yakutat where she will continue her work as a Head Start Field Trainer for Haines, Hoonah, Kake and Ketchikan in Southeastern, and Stebbins and Unalakleet.

Marion's association with Head Start began in Yakutat in the summer program of 1970, where she was Teacher-Director. She continued in that capacity until July 10, 1972, when she moved to Anchorage as a Field Trainer. She became Senior Field Trainer in 1973 and Field Trainer Coordinator in 1974.

Moving back to Yakutat has been something she has been thinking about for some time, Marion stated, since she felt a need to be closer to her mother who has been ill and other members of her family.

Also she has a new home which will be ready for her in September which overlooks the Bay and the St. Elias Range.

Phil Smith, Executive Director of RurAL CAP, and Roger Mooney, Director of Child Development, both expressed their appreciation to Marion at a going-away gathering for her at the Central office.



**PETE STICKMAN** in Copper uses up to 100 gallons of fuel a month, and says it is still cold. His home would be a challenge to winterize because of a bad roof leak.



**WINDOW PANES** to be replaced, plastic sheeting to be installed, and roofing will be part of the winterization program for this house in Copper.