

Ketchikan Hearings Aim to Up Economy

Senator Ernest Gruening was advised last week by the Department of Agriculture that its Alaska Rural Development Review Committee will hold public hearings at the earliest practical opportunity in Southeast Alaska to determine how USDA programs can help revitalize the economy of Southeastern Alaska.

Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, John Baker, told Senator Gruening that other federal agencies will be encouraged to participate.

Review Committee Chairman James E. Thornton, a member of Baker's staff, will make arrangements with Frank Peratrovich of Klawack, president of the West Coast Development

Association, for a mutually agreeable time and place of the hearings.

On the latter part of last month, Frank Peratrovich had called for a public hearing in regards to timber industry activities on the Prince of Wales Island.