

# *Subsistence question continuing at RurAL CAP*

Work on the subsistence question is continuing at RurAL CAP. The January meeting of people interested in the issue pointed to the need for an effort that would present the views of those in the state who engage in subsistence activities to the policy makers whose decisions affect that lifestyle.

RurAL CAP accepted the responsibility of coordinating the effort to formulate a position statement from subsistence users. At that time action in Congress on Section 17 (d) 2 of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act indicated that such a position should be presented by the end of this month.

At this time, however, indications are that major action on (d) 2 will not happen until the next Congress convenes. With this in mind, it was decided that a more thorough regional consultation effort would take place prior to a conference to subsistence users to adopt a united position.

Staff members of RurAL CAP and the Department of Community and Regional Affairs, Division of Community Services, will be traveling around the state consulting with people in each region to arrive at

regional position statements on subsistence from the subsistence users themselves.

Efforts on the regional position statements are being coordinated through appropriate regional organizations.

A statewide conference is seen for early fall to adopt a unified position on subsistence, based on the regional statements, for presentation to all policy makers involved with the issue.

Any person or organization who wishes to present their views on the subsistence question should contact Nils Sara, RurAL CAP, P.O. Box 3-3908, Anchorage, Alaska 99501, or call 279-2441.