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## NEWSLETTER

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# AFN, INC. ENJOYS HAVING MANY VISITORS

## A Success—

## Fisheries Conference

The AFN, Inc.-sponsored Fisheries Conference which was held in Juneau on Feb. 7-8 was termed an overwhelming success. The following recommendations and resolutions were passed by the participants of the conference and, in turn, have been ratified by the Rural CAP State Board, the AFN Human Resource Committee and have been forwarded to the State Legislature for appropriate action:

That the smaller hand-troller who has fished for years and has fishing as the main source of income during those years become eligible for points for those years under the Limited Entry Commission; and, that those hand-trollers who pay the fee as it pertains to power trolling be given the right to use power gear if they so wish.

That the Limited Entry Commission give points to the fishermen that have been either in school or in the military service during the 1960 to 1972 period; and that those fishermen who were restricted from fishing because of government action be given the required points to qualify said fishermen to participate in the Limited Entry fisheries.

That all Bristol Bay watershed residents—the present and future generations—be presented with a fishing permit from the state. Justification for this amendment is as follows:

Eighty per cent of some 5,000 people are totally dependent on this fishery in Bristol Bay for their livelihood. Twelve villages ranging from 450 to less than a 100 people in a few villages, are totally dependent on these fisheries for their livelihood.

A conservative 75% never leave the Bristol Bay watershed in their lifetime.

That the Speaker of the House and President of the Senate be advised that joint hearings be convened by the Alaska Legislature for the sole purpose of seeking amendments to the Limited Entry Fishing Law.

The hearings and recommendations would then be announced to the Alaska Legislature by March 10, 1975. It is further recommended that the State Legislature establish an interim Fisheries Committee similar to ones established by the Legislature charged with the responsibility of seeking suggestions or recommendations on Alaska's Fisheries.

That the Legislature mandate a transfer of administration of the Fisherman's Loan Fund from the Department of Commerce to the Department of Fish and Game.

That Fisheries jurisdiction within the 200-mile contiguous zone be claimed around all islands that are part of Alaska's continental shelf as well as from the mainland.

That Alaska should be

considered a separate region for State and Federal fishery management arrangements and not become bound to other regional management structures or institutions; and that this management regime be reflected in the National Fish Plan; and that the Alaska Legislature appropriate monies to establish an "Alaska Fisheries Education Committee" to represent Alaska's interests in extended jurisdiction to the rest of the country and to the Congress of the United States.

That the participants of the AFN Fisheries Policy Conference assembled in Juneau on Feb. 7-8 request the Alaska Legislature to take the following actions:

1. Assign the Fishery Management Policy developed by

the Alaska Department of Fish and Game to an interim committee charged with holding public hearings on this or related policies throughout the state during 1975; and

2. Direct the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, through the Governor to refine and expand Alaska's Fishery Policy in accordance with the new information developed thereby.

And, that this committee be adequately funded in order to assure that hearings will be held in all affected areas of the state, including the Native villages; and that this information received be of such a nature as to be definitive as to positive remedial programs to be instituted.

## To Take on TAP—

## Specialist Resigns

Mac Davis has resigned his position of Program Specialist to become Director of the AFN, Inc. Technical Assistance Program.

In addition to his new administrative duties, Davis will continue to work with Regional Corporations, Village Corporations, Native Contractors and Native Entrepreneurs with loan packaging, feasibility studies, seeking needed funding, consummating contracts and grant writing.

Davis will also be involved with

negotiations with oil industries and labor unions on Native hire and minority contracting.

Davis is a 1970 graduate from the University of Oregon with a degree in political science and has considerable accounting and financial background having worked in this field for eight years—three of which were spent working in rural economic development for agencies such as the Community Enterprise Development Corporation and the Consumer Federation.

## Special Services Is Component

Special Services for Disadvantaged Students is one component of the Alaska Student Higher Education Services project. Four Special Services Programs are in operation, one at each of the following institutions of higher learning: Alaska Methodist University, Sheldon-Jackson Junior College, the University of Alaska, Anchorage and the University of Alaska, Fairbanks.

The Special Services Programs are subcontracted through the Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc. and under the direction of the Alaska Student Higher Education Services Consortium Board with John A. Reimer, director.

Each program has identified a designated number of students as a target group—510 in all. The goal of each Special Services Program is to bridge the educational gap which has occurred during or between graduation from high school and completion of a baccalaureate degree.

Services provided include: (1) admissions assistance; (2) financial aids assistance; (3) diagnostic and prognostic testing; (4) personal, academic and career

counseling; (5) tutorial assistance; (6) special courses; (7) special activities and events; and (8) educational research.

In part, because of the Special Services Program, the number of Alaska Native students entering and succeeding at institutions of higher learning has increased five times over this last eight years.

## Shively Returns From Wash.

John Shively, Executive Vice President recently returned from Washington D.C. where he attended a meeting of the President's top economic and energy advisors.

The key issue that affects Alaska is the planned development of Alaska's oil reserves in Pet 4 and the Outer Continental Shelf.

Shively also met with staff of the Department of Interior relating to Food Stamps, Escrow Accounts, Late Filers, the 1940 SEC Act, and the 13th Region, and other issues and problems pertaining to the Land Claims Act.

## Students as Far Away As Savoonga Flock To Hdqtr. Offices

AFN, Inc. has had many visitors of late. Students from as far away as Savoonga and about 40 students from the Anchorage Borough School District classes have also visited our offices.

Roger Lang, John Shively and Gordon Jackson have been very helpful in talking with students about Native affairs and the operation at AFN. It is very encouraging to see young people taking an interest in the past, present and future happenings.

We are very confident that these same students will become the future leaders in our state.

On the international side, we have had a member of the Australian Parliament visiting our offices, Bill Withers. Many of his comments addressed some of the same issues that we in Alaska face. Australia has "Bush" people,

too, they are voicing their concerns about housing, health, education, and cost of consumer goods. Don't those sound familiar? Other visitors were from Yellowknife in Canada.

They visited some of the rural villages and Native organizations in the state. The offices at AFN, Inc. are always receptive to visitors from both the rural and urban areas. We would like to extend an invitation to all to visit our central offices at 1675 C Street.



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