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Legislators take no action on subsistence bill Failure ensures federal takeover

by Geoff Kennedy
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The 1990 Legislature has adjourned, but the suspense over subsistence lingers on.

A last-day attempt to pass a constitutional amendment fell three votes short in the state House Tuesday. A constitutional amendment requires a two-thirds vote of both houses of the Legislature.

The action would have required approval by 27 House members, but only 24 members voted for a motion to allow another vote. The vote May 6, 20 to 20, had fallen seven votes short.

Gov. Steve Cowper hasn't decided whether to call a special session of the

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Reaction mixed on 1990 session

by Geoff Kennedy
for the Tundra Times

The 1990 Legislature's failure to enact a new subsistence law provoked a mixed reaction from Alaska Native leaders.

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"It's real sad that the Legislature didn't see the issue as important

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The National Park Service is working with other federal agencies to develop subsistence regulations for federal lands in Alaska. Not affected will be areas such as Katmai National Park — shown above is the view across Naknek Lake — where subsistence hunting currently is not allowed. It is allowed, however, in the Katmai National Preserve.

Gambell hunters get 4 whales

by Holly F. Reimer
Tundra Times reporter

Gambell villagers caught their biggest bowhead whale recently meeting their quota for the year of four whales. On May 7 Allen Kulukhon and his crew landed a 50-footer.

As springtime progresses northward villagers along the bowhead whales'

migration route satisfy their craving for fresh muktuk and whale meat while heedfully preparing for the winter's nutritional needs as subsistence whale hunting gets underway.

On April 20, Semore Tuzroyluke Sr., who has been a whaling captain for the past 25 years, landed Point Hope's first whale of the season.

Elijah Rock also of Point Hope

landed the second whale for the village on April 27.

Point Hope, as well as Gambell, Wales and Kivalina did not land a single whale last year. Gambell successfully met its quota this year, while Wales and Kivalina haven't used any strikes thus far.

Another whale also was killed in

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CIRI announces net profits of \$35 million

Cook Inlet Region Inc. has announced net profits of \$35 million on total revenues of \$57.9 million for 1989, according to CIRI officials.

The new figures represent an 11 percent increase in revenues and a 5.4 percent increase in profits over 1988.

The 1989 showing marks the 13th consecutive year of profitability for the Anchorage-based Native regional corporation, and it raises the net income per share of stock to \$56.18, compared to \$53.30 for 1988 and \$49.58 in 1987.

In 1989, CIRI distributed its highest dividend ever at \$16.76 per share, compared to \$14.40 in 1988 and

\$12.42 per share in 1987.

"Over the past 10 years, we have seen tremendous growth and change," said CIRI President Roy Huhndorf. "CIRI's revenue base has been expanded and diversified through the years in the areas of natural resources, real estate, oilfield service industries, investment securities, and most recently, the broadcast industry.

"In many ways, the decade of the 1980s has seen CIRI come of age. We have grown from a small, local company to a national corporation which imports profits back to Alaska and to our shareholders from Outside investments," Huhndorf said.

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Major factors in CIRI's increased profitability included natural resource, mineral and oil and gas activity.

Negotiations in 1989 paved the way for a multi-year agreement, signed in 1990, for the sale of CIRI-owned timber on the Kenai Peninsula. Under an agreement finalized late in 1989, CIRI is leasing coal reserves in the Wishbone Hill area to Idemitsu Alaska Inc.

In oil and gas activity, CIRI sold interests in certain gas fields and leased portions of other acreage on the west side of Cook Inlet. In a corporate first, CIRI directly marketed its gas to the Tesoro refinery on the Kenai Peninsula and the Endicott power plant on the North Slope.

CIRI continued to add to its broadcast properties, with the acquisition of a new television station in Nashville, Tenn. Through a wholly owned subsidiary, CIRI now owns three television stations and 11 radio stations in the Lower 48. CIRI is the largest minority-owned broadcasting company in the United States.