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SIZING DRIED FISH IN NULATO - - Kathy Hildabrand, home for the summer cuts dried salmon

Minority hire studied

A study released Tues- Alaska's business and indusfor Human Rights, revealed that Natives and other minorities still are not filling

day, September 4, by the try to the extent their Alaska State Commission population would seem to indicate.

Natives comprise about 17 percent of the state's responsible positions in population, but their pres-

Bottomfish talks open

ST. PAUL, PRIBILOF ISLANDS - - The Aleutian Pribilof Fisheries Development Conference began here Wednesday with a call from Aleut leaders for Native organization to lead resource development planning efforts for the reg-

Larry Merculieff, President of the Tanadgusix Corporation of St. Paul and chairman of the board of the Aleut Corporation, welcomed the participants, including Aleut corporation directors, village leaders, reprentatives of international fisheries development interests, state legislators, opinion leaders, and many other guests to the island community.

will take the united effort of all Aleut organizations, Merculieff said.

The need for planning was addressed also by the Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association executive director and St. GEorge Tanaq Corporation presi-Patrick Pletnikoff dent in opening remarks at the conference.

"It is our strongest recommendation to all our people to get into the bottom fish business as soon as possible, learn all

Planning for this control they can, joint venture with knowledgeable, experienced fisherman worldwide and carve a permanent place for themselves in these fisheries." he said.

Pletnikoff urged a committment of surplus oil tax dollars from the state for planning. "We must insist that our state legislators appropriate some the swollen oil cofferf income for the study, planning, and development of this renewable resource before it is given away to (See BOTTOMFISH page Eight) ence in the employed workforce seems far smaller than that, according to the

Several business and industry segments, in total 66 various employers were contacted as part of the survey upon which the report was based.

Some of the findings of the report are:

Banks - Natives hold about 3% of the office and clerical jobs and hold only 2% of positions of higher pay and responsibility that of "Officials and Managers" category.

Eight of of Thirteen banks have no Natives employed as officials and managers and five of the thirteen banks have no minorities at all employed as officials and managers;

Restaurants - The restaurant section was done with the sampling of 8 major restaurants in the Anchorage Area. Natives comprised less than 1.5 % of the persons hired by the surveved restaurants for the year of 1978.

Airlines - Four major air lines were included in the statewide survey of employment practices within this (See MINORITY page Six)

Sealaska gets new president

By LAURY ROBERTS

An Ivy-League-trained businessman will move into the orange and blue president's office at Sealaska Native corporation Juneau headquarters October 1

Michael Chittick, 36, is director of Rayoniers in Seattle. the wood products division of International Telephone and Telegraph, one of the top ten conglomerates in the United

Chittick comes to the state's largest Native corporation with a masters degree in business and engineering from Dartmouth College in New Hampshire and a reputation for having "consistently produced profits, " according to a Sealaska press release

He was chosen from among 15 candidates identified in a nationwide selection process conducted by an executive search firm. Sealaska paid approximately \$50,000 for the While the board of directors looked among its 15,000 shareholders, it could not find a prospect who met the criteria of experience in financial management of a firm doing more than \$100 million worth of annual

by Sealaska, Chittick said, "Alaska in general, and Sealaska imparticular, have a mutally bright future Sealaska has the potential of becoming a major U.S. corporation." Chittick will be paid about \$100,000 per

Sealaska also announced last week the probable acquisition of Seattle-based Ocean Beauty Seafoods. While Byron Mallot, chairman of the board, would not talk about actual dollars involved, he said the purchase would more than quadruple the corporation's annual operating revenues, which were about \$13 million last year.

He added that the sale will far outdistance the worth of Sealaska's subsidiary, Alaska Brick Compa-ABC was purchased several years ago for \$7 million, which, according to Mallot, would translate into \$12 million at today's

Ocean Beauty is the parent Company of a number operations, including Kodiak King Crab half of which is also owned by a Japanese firm), the Juneau Cold Storage and Cannery, a similar plant at Hydaburg, and St. Elias processing in Prince William Sound.

"It will put Sealaska in the fish processing business

In a statement prepared in Alaska in a big way. said Mallot. "We intend that any acquisition of Sealaska will, over time result in shareholder emp loyment wherever those opportunities exist."

The Juneau arm of Ocean Beauty employs about 100 persons, generally from union lists, during the peak fishing season. Ocean Beauformerly known as Washington Fish and Oyster Company, has been in business for over 70 years.

When asked about Japanese involvement in Ocean Beauty Companies, Mallot responded, "I'm not paranoid about the Japanese If Americans would put their money where their mouth is, Japanese would'nt be in Alaska.

Mallot termed the holdings of the Japanese firm, Marabini, in Kodiak King Crab as "essentially a passive investor and we intend it will stay that way.

But he added, "While Sealaska will purchase Ocean Beauty and own it outright, we're looking at the possibility of seeking other investment partners to increase our equity and working capital. Certainly among those we may be talking to is a Marabini.'

The Ocean Beauty sale should be formally culminated before the end of the