

# • Fish study

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Rogers critique was a "cheap shot" and that "my position is to ignore it." "If that's his attitude, that's o.k. with me," said Rogers. "It really was a 'cheap shot'," he joked, referring to his small consultant's fee.

Lauren Ward, an ADL consultant who worked on the bottomfish report, agreed with the Tundra Times that such a simplistic-looking study probably could have been done through existing state agencies. "But then why didn't anyone do it? Nobody did it," he pointed out.

Here is a summary of Rogers' criticism of the ADL study.

Most of the analysis applies to Unalaska, not the entire Alaskan coast. It assumes fish will be available uniformly.

The report concludes bottomfish will be processed onshore. However, a study by Washington consultant Earl R. Combs, for the U.S. Department of Transportation recommends that a majority of bottomfish investment go into high seas catcher/processors. While Rogers figures shore-based processing would be the most profitable route, the commercial feasibility of getting those operations on line is questionable. The ADL report touts the potential of onshore processing, but Rogers cites "overly simplistic accounting analyses which bias the results in favor of the alternatives Alaskans want."

Assumptions used to determine the catch rate of bottomfish harvesters are by Rogers characterized as "hurried, back-of-the-envelope calculations." The ADL assumption of one fishing vessel steaming back and forth between port and fishing grounds like clockwork and always coming up with the same catch weight and composition for every single tow and haul is not a same basis for making investment decisions."

The super encouraging cost-benefit of bottomfishing portrayed is unrealistic, according to Rogers. ADL counted only internal costs, leaving out the huge expenses of setting up support facilities in coastal communities, he said. Rogers noted the lack of adequate technical backup in the ADL appendices. He concluded that, like the Danes, the Alaskan bottomfish industry will probably require a substantial state subsidy.

Barriers to getting into a full-fledged bottomfish industry are barely discussed, although that area was

to be the ~~aux~~ of the study, said Rogers. "A grand total of 69 words, excluding the use of 'etc.', is used in telling us that we need to know more about . . . all the things to which the original contract with ADL was addressed. All this section tells us is that the contractor hasn't been able to do what they said they would do," Rogers blasted.

Goals outlined by ADL are "restatements of what has been stated earlier and better by the legislature and governor," according to Rogers. "Missing is the goal of promoting the economic welfare of Alaska residents and coastal communities which has been stressed in all other state policy and program statements."

Although the sub-title of the ADL bottomfish report is: "Strategies for the State of Alaska," alternatives are not thoroughly investigated or costed out. And, ADL wants another \$30,000 to map out more detailed strategy. While the money was not included in the 1980 budget, Edenso says he could use discretionary funds under his control to pay for the supplement.

## Bridges

## to be rebuilt

JUNEAU—Three bridges on the Nome-Teller road are being rebuilt and widened under a \$1 million contract awarded by the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities to Doyon Construction Co./Gheinn Co. J/V of Fairbanks.

Governor Hammond said the project will improve the bridges to the current State and Federal standards for projected traffic volume on the Nome-Teller road.



Roy Tansey, president of the Ahtna Corporation, right, and his wife, Irene, and small son relax last week after signing an agreement with Alyeska Pipeline Company which will provide jobs, training, and a cash settlement for Alaska's smallest regional profit corporation. The settlement resolved a long-standing contract dispute between the Native corporation and the pipeline company.

# • JOM funds. . . .

271-4120, of BIA's Anchorage Office in the distribution of the ballots.

Four of the eight voting formulas, Options 1,3,5 and 7, are the main formulas while Options 2,4,6, and 8 are the minimum funding formulas for JOM contractors with 100 students or less. The main four options require an appropriation of over 60 million dollars to be fully funded. The difference between them lies in the actual funding and the methods of distribution.

The following is a cost breakdown on the four main options:

**OPTION 1**  
Present  
National - 27 million  
State - 4.1 million  
Per Student - 170.00  
(To fully fund:)  
Recommended:  
National - 68

State - 9.7 million  
Per Student - 397.00

**OPTION 3**  
Present  
National - 27 million  
State - 5.3 million  
Per Student - 216.00

Recommended:  
National - 68 million  
State - 12.1 million  
Per Student - 496.00

**OPTION 5**  
Present  
National - 27 million  
State - 6.7 million  
Per Student - 275.00

Recommended:  
National - 68 million  
State - 7.9 million  
Per Student - 322.00

**OPTION 7**  
Present  
National - 27 million  
State - 6.9 million

Per Student - 281.00

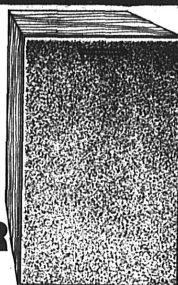
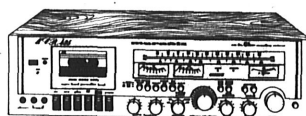
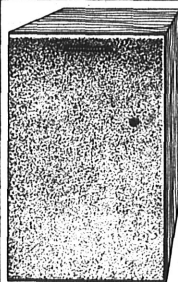
Recommended:  
National - 78 million  
State - 19 million  
Per Student - 806.00

Regardless of the distribution formula chosen by majority vote the distribution of funds will be pro-rated in proportion to the actual appropriation decided upon by Congress.

## Lang chosen

The Alaska State Housing Authority (ASHA) has announced that Roger Lang has been re-elected as Chairman of the Board. Lang was elected by unanimous vote of the Board at the annual meeting of ASHA held in Kodiak on April 23.

Lang was appointed to ASHA's Board by Governor Hammond in March, 1976. He has previously served as first chairman, and for the past year, as chairman



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