

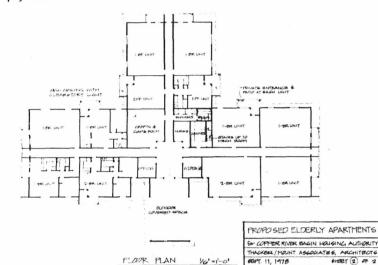
ELDERLY COPPER RIVER PEOPLE MEET - to discuss housing plans for two housing projects to be built in the Copper Basin.



HOW'S THAT FISHWHEEL? Pretty two-year old Charlene Gene of Gakona inspects her grandfather, Buster Gene's, fishwheel.



SPRING FEVER - Phillip Sabon and his daughter Cheryl of Copper Center try their luck catching grayling at Poplar Grove, north of Gulkana Village.



Elders' center to be built

Elderly people in the Copper River Basin helped design two housing projects that will be built for them this summer.

The projects will be funded by HUD, through the Copper River Basin Regional Housing Authority. They will provide eight units in Gulkana Village and twelve units in Copper Center.

The units have been carefully designed to incorporate the needs of local people. Elderly persons attended several

community desigh sessions with Thacker/Mount Associates, the project's architects.

As a result of these sessions, each project includes a sweat bath, a community area, and a nurse's office. As an added safety feature, the individual housing units have call buzzers for elderly persons who need help.

The Copper River Native Association's Housing Director, Sonny Thomas, says the projects will be completed this fall.

