

Commercial fishing course offered in Kodiak

KODIAK--The only advanced fisheries training of its kind in the United States will be offered at Kodiak Community College this summer by the former head of instruction from the British White Fish Authority.

Dennis Lodge will offer a five-day course in Fish Finding Systems and a five-day course in Fisheries Technology, both designed to keep fishermen ahead of the competition.

Lodge, an expert in his field, is the only person in the United

States to offer advanced courses as comprehensive as these.

The British White Fish Authority has the reputation for being the world's leading fishery development organization.

The Fish Finding Systems course has been scheduled for May 18 - 22 and the Fishery Technology course from May 25 - 29 at Kodiak Community College. Depending on the number of fishermen who sign up, Lodge will also teach additional courses later.

Lodge's courses are designed primarily for commercial fishing vessel captains and relief skippers.

The main subjects covered in the Fish Finding Systems course are: echo sounding, fish lupe, sonar, and netsounder.

In the Fishery Technology course, the main subjects are: trawl net developments; trawl doors; midwater trawling techniques; fish reactions to gear; cable tension measuring systems; fish quality and preservation.

Lodge worked for the British White Fish Authority from 1963 to 1980, first as a sea-going engineer conducting trials of prototype equipment.

He was chief Fisheries Instructor during his last seven years there, when courses were developed in sonar, echo sounding, hydraulics, fishing gear technology, fish preservation, diesel engines, and radio navigation.

Lodge is the author of the following books: The Echo Sounder; Hydraulics for Fishermen; Fish Handling and Preservation at Sea; and Fishing Gear Technology for Trawl Officers.

His total sea time on fishing vessels is 1,132 days, on top of merchant marine experience from 1954 through 1963.

The British White Fish Authority is a research and teaching organization funded 50 per cent by government and 50 percent

by industry. Its biggest success has been the building and use of the world's first net-testing tank, which had answered questions asked by fishermen for years regarding net performance and design.

Lodge's two courses attracted 127 students during winter and spring offerings this year at Clatsop Community College in Astoria, Oregon. They included people from Alaska, Eastern Canada, and the Gulf Coast, with a majority coming from California, Oregon and Washington.

The fee for either one-week course is \$300, payable in advance, with an additional \$15 if the course is taken for credit.

Interested persons should write Marilyn Trouwborst, Registration Clerk, Kodiak Community College, Box 946, Kodiak, Alaska 99615, for application forms.