

# Sealaska names fisheries head

JUNEAU — Erling O. Oswald, a Sealaska Corporation shareholder with worldwide experience in fisheries management, has been appointed fisheries manager for Sealaska Corporation, announced Robert W. Loescher, director of natural resources.

Oswald brings 24 years of experience with the Department of Fisheries of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations to his new position with Sealaska. He will

work toward formulation of both short- and long-range fisheries planning for the Native corporation.

During his tenure with the UN FAO, headquartered in Rome, Oswald was directly involved with fisheries development projects in Africa, South America, the Caribbean, the South Pacific and the Far East. During the past six years, he served as deputy program leader for a comprehensive Southeast Asia regional fisheries development program based in Manila, the Philippines.

The project, funded mainly by the UN Development Program, provided technical assistance in fisheries development activities to the governments of Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Hong Kong and the Philippines. FAO is a specialized agency of the United Nations, concerned almost exclusively with all aspects of food production, primarily in less developed countries.

In his capacity as fisheries manager for Sealaska, Oswald will establish a corporate liaison with Ocean Beauty Seafoods, a wholly-owned Sealaska subsidiary, in the areas of product development and potential new acquisitions and investments. He also will provide expertise to the Sealaska board of directors, fisheries committee and executive management staff in long-range business planning in fisheries.

Oswald, the son of Marie Engberg, is a Sealaska shareholder and was born and raised in Juneau. He graduated from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York, and attended the University of Washington and San Jose State College from 1946 to 1948. Following service in the U.S. Navy during World War II, he fished commercially for halibut and black cod in Alaska and albacore in California and Mexico.

Sealaska Corporation is the largest regional corporation, in terms of number of shareholders, formed under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement. Sealaska has investments in fisheries, forestry, minerals, finance, building materials and transportation and in the development of natural resources in Alaska.