

Letters to the Tundra Times

Limited entry

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Dear Editor:

If possible could you publish this whole sheet for me?

Had some friends encouraged to publish this. It was written this spring. And send me a copy after this is published from one of your magazines. Send me a bill for a mag. Let me know if you publish this info.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
John Eneyuk

Sub.: Limited Entry

I agree with the person who said it's hard to make money without a limited entry permit. It's hard to live without adequate income, it really slows the progress of what one plans to do, like getting a new house or boat.

Why do we have outside influences? We don't need outside help. For example, the well educated man with a high paying job, probably has a family, house, the works. He's got it made. Speaks his language fluently, gets whatever he wants, en-

joys his income. Now take the Alaskan Natives who've fished without the worry of shortages. He isn't aware of paper shufflers and bureaucrats or what they're up to. Now comes a thing called "entry permit" which he rightly ignores as would the outside farmer who'd also say, "who needs a permit to work?"

Finally the former fisherman woke up — no permit — no fishing. It's like someone took his job away from him in spite of all the taxes he paid. Actually, he's helping the guy who's behind all this and what does he get? Absolutely nothing! He's not allowed to fish anymore, that means no income. He probably has to go on welfare as much as he hates to — living off someone else's income, which doesn't leave him much. He's frustrated, and worries about how he's going to make money in summer and how he's going to pay bills if no money is made.

It's tough to find a fishing partner with a permit. Even when you find a fishing partner with a permit, it's not satisfying most of the time, because you think you got ripped off. Look at it this way, we don't go



Editor's Note: Even as this issue goes to press, limited entry is once again on trial. The trial of six persons for fishing without a limited entry permit began in Judge Moody's court on Tuesday. We will be reporting on this in future editions.

around the lower 48, trying to take someone's job or mingling with farmers farming rights. We don't introduce bills for farmer's permit, or right to work in his field.

Let's face it, without a permit, we make no money. We're frustrated, stressed, and most of all disappointed. There are a lot of things to say about this, but the legislators are too busy to listen to the natives.

There is a bill now, HB 665, known as the "late filers bill". I'm not worried about 560 new permits which is approximately a 30 per cent increase to the fisheries, if it is passed. What I'm worried about is if we'll ever have permits. The fishing is going to be very good this year and for three years to come. Sure hate to miss out if HB 665 isn't passed. Let's rescue this bill before it drowns in the sea of bills, we still have a chance to upgrade it.

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HB 665 is "An Act relating to late applications for limited entry permits; and providing for an effective date" This bill would open application for limited entry permits for one year. Application would be open only to those people who would have been eligible for a permit anyway but who never applied.

As of May 19th, this Bill has passed the House Resources Committee. It is currently in the House Finance Committee; if it passes this committee, it will go to the floor of the House, and then to the floor of the Senate, for approval.