

Sealaska, ASNC sponsor timber seminar

A two-day symposium on the export log market, sponsored jointly by Sealaska Corporation and the Association of Southeast Native Corporations, is slated for Feb. 6-7, 1984 at the new Alaska Native Brotherhood Community Hall in Juneau.

"The timber export market is something that the Alaska Native Corporations of Southeast Alaska have worked hard to develop," Percy Frisby, chairman of the ASNC said. "Overall, we've created over a thousand jobs in the timber industry in southeast Alaska, and have built or brought literally millions of dollars of infrastructure into the region. The impact of these developments, which directly benefited local services and businesses, has been tremendous."

"We are proud of the bright

spot that this represents in the forest industry in the State," Frisby said.

"The goal of this log marketing symposium is to bring together some of the key players in the export log market in Japan, Korea, China and Canada in an effort to promote greater understanding and communication with key policy makers of the Alaska timber industry and government," Sealaska Corporation Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Byron I. Mallott said.

The symposium is scheduled to begin at 8:45 a.m. on Monday, February 6. A welcome from Governor Bill Sheffield will lead off a day of presentations which include:

1. A panel discussion on the log and lumber distribution system in Japan.

2. A discussion of log and lumber demand in the People's Republic of China.

3. A presentation by the Alaska Loggers Association on support and service programs to the timber industry.

4. A panel discussion on the log market demand and distribution system in Korea.

5. A speaker on the current situation and forecast of Canadian supply and markets.

The second day begins at 8:30 a.m. with a video presentation, "Introduction to Japan and Southeast Alaska Log Exports to Japan." Other topics covered in the second day include:

1. Japanese marketing philosophies and structure.
2. Pacific Northwest and Alaska log and lumber supply to export markets.
3. Buyer and seller issues.
4. A final wrap-up session in the late afternoon.

The symposium is structured to allow maximum contact between the key players in the Southeast Alaska timber export business and the major customers from the Pacific Rim. Maximum opportunities for questions are allowed throughout both days.

Industry and government representatives include:

Gov. Bill Sheffield; Byron I. Mallott, Sealaska Corp.; Percy Frisby, Haida Corp., Association of Southeast Native Corporations; Tommy Yamamoto, Marubeni Corp.; M. Kakuta, Marubeni Corp., Andy Matsuyama, Marubeni Corp.; Dick Tsukamoto, Marubeni Corp.; T. Yabumoto, Murakami Lumber Co., Ltd.; Akihiro Gomajiri, Ataka Lumber Co.; T. Kumashiro, Ataka Lumber Co.; Tom Ogawa, Ataka Lumber Co.; Kenji Ishii, Ishii Industry Co., Ltd.; Charlie Anderson, Canadian Overseas;

Stan Kim, Sammi Corp.; Ivan P. Gamble, Kootznوو, Inc.; Robert W. Loescher, Sealaska Corp.; Don Bell, Alaska Loggers Association; John Sandor, US Forest Service; Joseph R. Mehrkens, US Forest Service; John Sturgeon, State Forester, State of Alaska; Franklin C. Roppel, Alaska Lumber & Pulp Co.; Bill Ellison, Sealaska Timber Corporation; John Galea, Sealaska Timber Corporations; Yoshi Nakatsu, Sealaska Timber Corp.; Frank Seymour, Cape Fox Corp.; Bill Thomas, Klukwan, Inc.; Joseph E. Kahklen, Jr., Goldbelt, Inc.; Leonard Kato, Klawock-Heenya Corp.