

# *Nels Anderson Files for House*

Nels A. Anderson, Jr., executive director of the Bristol Bay Native Corporation, has announced that he is a Democratic candidate for the District 16 Alaska State House of Representative seat.

Anderson, also chairman of the Board of the Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc., stated that the job of representative is a challenge that cannot be taken lightly as Alaska moves into extensive development of its resources.

Anderson stated that the primary issue that needs to be addressed is the current plight of the Bristol Bay Fishermen who have been ignored by the State of Alaska and the federal government.

"The residents of the Bristol Bay Region are going to face a bleak future if the responsible state and federal agencies do not seriously consider declaring the Bay a disaster area. This action will allow the state and federal agencies to move into the Bay area and provide some relief caused by the lack of fishing activity."

Other issues on which he will concentrate are communications, salmon rehabilitation programs, planning grants for regional and village corporations, economic development planning designed to provide another economic base for residents of House District 16.

Anderson said his concern will be for issues that affect the people of the 16th District.

When asked if he expects a difficult campaign, Anderson remarked, "It is always difficult to unseat an incumbent. I hope that all of my promised support will come in the form of money and votes which are vitally needed to activate and win a political campaign."