

# Fishing Story Gets Away-

## Tundra Times In Hot Water At Nenana

**Editor's Note:** Last week the TUNDRA TIMES headlined a fishing dispute in Nenana. In a burst of excess energy, we moved this village to a site on the Yukon River. Some residents, including the author of our article, said that they did not care for the new location. So this week, we are moving Nenana back to its traditional site on the banks of the Tanana River. In the future, we will try to stay out of the moving business.

Additionally, Mitch Demientieff, Chief of Nenana and a spokesman in the dispute, feels we did not state the position of the Nenana fishermen fully and clearly.

We will let the following letters serve as corrections to our original story.

**MITCH DEMIENTIEFF . .**

Contrary to the story that was printed in last week's issue of the Tundra Times, very definite decisions were reached, specifically:

1. The people of Nenana would agree to a closure of all fishing on the Tanana River beginning at the point where the Alaska Railroad bridge crosses the Tanana River at Nenana and continuing upstream.

2. A full closure would be consented with, providing that a full compensation subsidy be made available.

No substantial response was offered by the representatives of the Department of Fish and Game.

Further, it was the feeling of the Nenana people that should a poor run occur, the reasons

would be

1. Continued Japanese off shore fishing.

2. Continued fishing at the mouth of the Yukon River.

Rational being that the maximum documented catch of King Salmon by the residents of Nenana was 2,700 in 1971. This year in a shortened, weak season the catch downriver from Nenana is 60,000 to 70,000 King Salmon. Although the 1967 flood may have a slight influence on this year's run, it is not fair that the residents of Nenana pay for the greediness of others.

Erroneously, last week's story also implied that fishing has come to a halt. The only way the King Salmon run can be tested for strength is by tabulat-

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ing the catch and comparing the figures with past years. So as a result, the fishing season is very definitely open and will be until further notice.

The last correction is the headline of last weeks story. The river in question is the Tanana, not the Yukon.

Department of Oil and Pipelines, and restrict the piping of the oil to three months of the year, and during the season to 3½ days on 3½ days off.

Then, perhaps, people will realize what oil is to cars, fish are to fishermen.

## BO BOUDART . . .

First, let's call Alaska, the Yukon, and then we shall call the Yukon River, the Tanana, so nobody will ever forget where Nenana is.

Second, let's start a new agency which we'll name the