

Soften ice presents Kuskokwim hazard

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Bethel — Unseasonably warm weather in Western Alaska is being blamed for the drowning of an Aniak woman and is sparking warnings from Alaska State Troopers to beware of melting ice on rivers used as highways.

Sara Ciletti, 33, the part-time health aide in Aniak, was presumed drowned after falling through ice on the Kuskokwim River near Chuathbaluk on Monday, troopers said.

The victim disappeared after a three-wheel vehicle on which she was a passenger fell through the ice. A male friend and child aboard the vehicle escaped injury, troopers said.

Troopers said warm weather since the week-end has been melting ice on rivers and is responsible for a half-dozen incidents in the Bethel area in which people have fallen

through ice.

Troopers have warned that the warm temperatures are causing river ice to melt from the top down, making it difficult to spot marginal ice.

Rep. Al Adams (D) of Kotzebue will be honored at a public reception sponsored by Democratic House Districts 12 and 13, with co-sponsorship by the Black Men's Conference, on Dec. 13. The affair will be held at the Fairview Community Center, 10th Ave. and Karluk St., from 5 p.m. until 7: p.m.

Rep. Adams, Legislative Chairman of the House Finance Committee, Alaska State Legislature, is a two-term legis-

lator and has chaired the Finance Committee the past three sessions. The reception is the first time Rep. Adams has been so honored in Anchorage and the first time Anchorage's many supporters have had the opportunity to meet and greet the finance chair.

The public is invited and admission is free. For further information contact Ed Chatman (344-8993) or Cal Williams (276-8698), evenings.