

Legislative Advocate Hired

During the past year, the Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc. and State Department of Community and Regional Affairs have cosponsored a series of conferences on Education, the Fuel Crisis, Fisheries, Justice, and recently one on Rural Legislative Priorities.

In Juneau, during the last conference on Legislative Priorities in March, many participants expressed the need to follow-up and inform the AFN and RURAL CAP regions and central staff of hearings, status of legislations, and others.

In response to this need, an "advocate" was hired to be in Juneau at all times. His primary goal is to advocate the passage of State legislation that has been determined a high priority by participants in a recent conference on Legislative Priorities.

The advocate's name is Richard Listowski and he can be reached at 465-4761 or Pouch B, Juneau, Alaska 99811.

If you have any comments to make about legislation, particularly legislation that relates to rural Alaska, please transmit those comments to Rich. Those comments will be extremely helpful in the first "advocacy" effort.