

CINA's Max Dolchok to leave job Sept. 30

Max Dolchok, executive director for the Cook Inlet Native Association since April 1981, will step down from that

position effective Sept. 30.

Dolchok said he is leaving the job of running the 1,600 member 120 employee corpor-

ation because he has reached a point in his life where he and his wife are redirecting their efforts.

Dolchok said his four children are grown or on their own and he now wants to concentrate on other things.

Dolchok and his wife, Elizabeth, plan to sell their home, buy a smaller one out of town, and spend time with children and grandchildren.

He also said they plan to return to the Bristol Bay region where his wife comes from so she can research information on her family, to write a book for their children. Her family name is Lopez.

Other reasons for leaving CINA include a desire to "get out of the system for a while" to renew himself, said Dolchok who admitted the job is a taxing one.

He said he also wants to take it easier than he had because of blood pressure. Dolchok had a heart attack a num-

ber of years ago.

He said the CINA board of directors is starting a search for his successor.

Before being named executive director, Dolchok was a deputy director of the organization for four years and prior to that he served as a special assistant to the executive director.

He also worked for the Alaska Native Industrial Council in the educational training program, was a contracts officer, a commercial fisherman, a practical nurse and an electrical technician for RCA.

Dolchok said his years with CINA "have been good" and he leaves with some sad regrets. But he said he also leaves with the knowledge that the non-profit corporation is on even ground and calm and has the respect of community members which is important to him.