

Hatchery bids let out

The Tlingit and Haida Central Council has let out bids for construction of a salmon fisheries hatchery.

The construction date will be set after the bid has been awarded.

The first phase of construction involves building a mile-long fresh water pipeline. The pipeline will be used to carry freshwater to the hatchery. It costs approximately \$500,000.

The second phase of the hatchery, which is actual construction of the hatchery itself, will not begin until the spring of 1982.

The final phase is the eggtake which will begin sometime in the fall of 1982.

In June of 1981, the State's Division of Business Loans approved a loan of approximately \$870,000 to THCC for

the first phase of construction.

Although financing was approved in June, THCC has been working on the project since 1975.

Sandy Bay was chosen in 1975 as the hatcheries site.

THCC ran into financial and technical difficulties and the project was shelved for a number of years.

In april of 1980, the project was revived when THCC hired Laird A. Jones, of Ketchikan. Laird is a fisheries specialist. He serves as vice president of programs of THCC Fisheries Development Corporation.

Jones said, "The T & H Fisheries Development Corporation is looking at the fall of 1982 as the completion date for the Sandy Bay Hatchery."

The hatchery will cost a little over \$1 million according to Jones.