

Dr. Cooley Receives Grant for Polar Bear Population Study

A research grant to study the world's population of

polar bear and to make recommendations for international cooperation was approved this week by The Conservation Foundation.

The grant goes to Dr. Richard A. Cooley, economic consultant of Juneau, who is now associate professor of geography and public affairs at the University of Washington.

"The great white bear belongs to no nation; he is a citizen of the Arctic," Senator Bartlett stated. "All Arctic nations have a responsibility to see that the species is not endangered and, happy to tell, these nations have recognized their responsibility.

They did so at the First International Conference on the Polar Bear, called by the United States at my request and held in Fairbanks last September.

"The Conservation Foundation grant will make it possible for Dr. Cooley, using the material presented at the conference as a base, to assemble what is known about the bear and to recommend to the polar nations whatever steps may be necessary to guarantee its preservation."