

For Freezer Barges—

Bethel, Dillingham, Emmonak Granted

The Community Enterprise Development Corporation (CEDC) has arranged grants for three native cooperative groups at Bethel, Emmonak and Dillingham.

Bethel Kuskokwim Fishing Cooperative will receive \$665,000, Emmonak at lower Yukon, \$755,000, and the grant for Dillingham is pending. The cooperative at Bethel has 220 members and Emmonak has 80.

The CEDC is a non-profit anti-poverty group based in Anchorage that is funded by the Office of Economic Opportunity, the national anti poverty agency in Washington, D.C.

Harold Wolff, director of CEDC, said the grants were given to organizations entirely owned by Alaska natives and are in keeping with President Nixon's campaign promise to develop businesses among minority groups.

The money was made available from the federal Economic Development Administration. They are 80 per cent grants and 20 per cent long term loans.

The funds will be used to purchase freezer barges of about one million pound capacity and will be built in Seattle and towed to the locations early next summer in time for fishing season.