

Harry John conducts a meeting of the Native Cultural Council at Eagle River.

CINA to host Elders Conference

The JOM Native Education Committee will be hosting the first annual Native Elders Educational Conference on May 9 from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. and May 10, 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Fairview Community Center, 940 La Touche Avenue.

"We are attempting to bring together our young people in Anchorage and Elders of all Native cultures who reside here to discuss Elders' issues," said a CINA press release.

Transportation problems, what problems arise for Elders when arriving in Anchorage, knowing about activities for Elders, were some of the issues listed.

"It is very important we have your input on education for our children, because the students themselves express much interest in learning more

about their own heritage," the release said.

Luncheon will be provided on both days with a potlatch on the second day. Anyone able to provide Native food or willing to assist with transportation for our elderly guests is encouraged to do so. Interested parties should call the Cook Inlet Native Association/Community Education Department at 265-1275.