

# ***Sen. Ted Stevens Against Ending Of North Star III***

Senator Ted Stevens announced that word had reached him of the concern of the villages over a report that the service of the Bureau of Indian Affairs' North Star, the National Marine Fisheries service for the Pribilofs and the Air Force military sea lift cool barge might be consolidated.

Stevens said "Every Alaskan—most particularly those in the villages—knows the deluding effect of monopolistic services. Throughout the Territorial years, Alaska's best interests were retarded by many monopolies.

"I have informed the Department of Interior that I am unalterably opposed to terminating the North Star's operation. Freight and fuel transportation to the villages must be maintained and through this critical period the North Star's continued operation is essential" the Senator said.