

Furs--

New Concept

FAIRBANKS—Kelly Painter, long time Alaskan, is hoping to revive Alaska's struggling fur trade with a new concept.

It is his idea to barter Alaskan furs for Japanese hardware that would be useful in the bush areas.

"It is my belief that by eliminating the retailers, wholesalers, middlemen, shipping costs from the South 48 and paying only import duty, the fur industry can be made profitable," he said.

Painter hopes to trade for snow machines, electric plants, trail bikes, sewing machines and whatever else might be useful in the bush.

He's seeking reliable trappers who would like to participate in a Native fur cooperative and government help in eliminating red tape.

Anyone interested should contact him at PSC No. 5, Box 1508, Eielson, Alaska 99702.