

# **Subsistence being surveyed in Copper River**

Copper River subsistence fishermen are currently being offered a chance to participate in a survey of their resource use and dependency, which is designed to help guide the management decisions of the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

The survey is being conducted by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, which plans to send the survey to each person who held a Copper River subsistence permit in 1979.

In 1978, the State of Alaska adopted statutes protecting subsistence use of wild resources. Subsistence is generally defined as customary and traditional use and dependency. The responses

to this survey will provide the Board with necessary information on such use and dependency.

Participation in the survey is voluntary and confidential. Completed questionnaires will not be identified by any means. Additional comments are welcomed. The results of this survey will be in a report presented to the Board of Fisheries during their fall 1979 or spring 1980 meeting.

This report will be available to the public and copies obtained, if desired. Address inquiries to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Subsistence Section, 333 Raspberry Road, Anchorage, Alaska 99502.