

Merculieff reelected, Herrmann elected to NAFWS

Elections for the positions of Alaska Regional Directors were held at the recent 13th Annual National conference of the Native American Fish & Wildlife Society.

Ilarion "Larry" Merculieff was reelected for a two-year term. Merculieff worked hard to build a solid foundation for the Alaska Region. He is a member of St. Paul's Aleut Community and a

regional director for the past two years.

Merculieff is a respected authority on incorporating indigenous knowledge into modern scientific research. He has over twenty years experience in rural business, economic and community development, Bering Sea ecosystem research and indigenous cultural issues. He has a BA degree with emphasis on Commu-

nity Development from University of Washington.

Adelheid Herrmann, a member of Naknek's Aleut community was elected to a one year term. Herrmann is coordinator for the Fisheries Economic Development Commission of the Bristol Bay Borough and has extensive experience in fisheries advocacy on local, national and international levels. Herrmann served in the

Alaska State Legislature, House of representatives for six years, as chair of the House Fisheries Committee and co-chair of the House Resources Committee. She was a founding member of the Pacific Fisheries Legislative task force, serving with representatives from California, Hawaii, Idaho, Oregon and Washington.

Understanding the environment has always been important

to Herrmann. Since she was six years old, she has fished in Bristol Bay, one of the world's largest salmon fisheries. One of her personal goals is to see courses on fishing and the seafood industry as part of the curricula at all levels of Alaska's educational system. Herrmann is currently completing a degree in Public Policy/Fisheries and Native Studies.