

# **Koonz Forms Livestock Co. for Kenai, Aleutians**

The newly chartered Alaska Liveetock Corporation is presently selling shares and attempting to start operations. The purpose of the corporation will be to promote the raising of livestock on the Kenai Peninsula and in the Aleutians.

"There is no more suitable place for raising cattle than Alaska," says Cline Koonz, organizer and director of the corporation. "The natural grasses along the coast are among the most nutritious in the world, and the climate there is ideal for the production of wool."

Koonz has been studying the potential of Alaskan rangeland for over twenty-five years. He is convinced that livestock production in Kenai and the Aleutians can be more profitable to the farmer than anywhere else in the country.

Land may be very reasonably leased from the Bureau of Land Management.

According to Koonz supplemental feeding is necessary only 50 to 100 days per year, and local vegetation can be mixed with algae and fish waste to provide a nutrient supplement produced locally. The ALC hopes to operate such a production site.

Coastal vegetation and algae provide adequate salt and additional salt licks are unnecessary.

The new corporation plans to lease a vessel to transport

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stock from the islands to shipping points on the mainland. The same vessel would be utilized for transporting wool and other products to Seattle and return with ranchers supplies, equipment and breeding stock.

The major goals of the corporation are to provide a purchasing outlet for private ranchers, and to transport meat directly to the retail markets thereby reducing the cost of beef in Alaska.

"Local production means lower costs," says Koonz.