

# AVCP resumes regional resource duty

The Executive Board of Directors of the Association of Village Council Presidents (AVCP) took action Tuesday to return responsibility for regional environmental and natural resources to AVCP management. AVCP Chairman Harry Wilde, Sr. announced the action in an October 2 memorandum to the tribal organization's 56 member

villages. These responsibilities had previously been delegated by AVCP to Nunam Kitlutsisti, an independent private corporation. In addition, the AVCP Executive Board reassumed responsibilities of the AVCP Waterfowl Conservation Committee. The board had previously delegated these responsibilities to the Nunam Kitlutsisti board of directors.

The AVCP Executive Board actions were based on a Nunam Kitlutsisti board resolution, passed in August, in which Nunam Kitlutsisti expressed intent to separate itself from AVCP and its 56 member villages. The actions were further based on an AVCP 1984 Convention mandate that AVCP directly provide services, which were previously delegated to Nunam Kitlutsisti. AVCP President Gene Peltola said efforts are underway at the present time to recruit natural resources

personnel and establish a natural resources department this month. In addition, the AVCP Executive Board will function directly as the Waterfowl Conservation Committee and monitor activities authorized by the Y-K Delta Goose Management Plan.

AVCP Chairman of the Board Harry Wilde, Sr. issued the following memorandum on Wednesday to the 56-member village councils, village corporation presidents and Calista Corporation directors and officers: "Please be advised that the Executive Board of AVCP, meeting on October 1, 1985, has taken action to withdraw all authority from Nunam Kitlutsisti to represent AVCP and its members on any matters. Further, the AVCP Executive Board has withdrawn authority for the Nunam Kitlutsisti Board to act as the AVCP Water-

fowl Conservation Committee (AVCP WCC). Effective immediately, the AVCP Executive Board has assumed responsibilities to serve as the AVCP WCC," the memorandum said.

Chairman Wilde continued, "These actions were taken because of Nunam Kitlutsisti Board Resolution No. 85-8-01 and AVCP Full Board (Convention) Resolution No. 84-10-15.

"In summary, Nunam Kitlutsisti no longer has authority to represent the AVCP Region and Membership on any matters. The services formerly provided by Nunam Kitlutsisti will now be provided by AVCP. Effective immediately, AVCP Administration is instructed by the Executive Board to establish and AVCP Natural Resources Department to begin to provide such services.