

# Helms Named Iditarod Race Marshall

A man known for his ability to marshal Alaska's snow-machine racers has been named race marshal for the 1981 Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race from Anchorage to Nome. Though his name has been associated with the major snow-machine races across the state for 20 years, Jack Helms knows dogs too. In fact, Joe Redington, Sr., founder of the 1,049 mile race to Nome, recalls the days when he would race against Helms at Al Hibbard's place on Big Lake. "When snowmachines came in, Jack went on to help organize and marshal their races.

He did a real fine job and I'm happy that he'll be working with us this year."

Helms, who lives in Big Lake, has been likened to Anchorage Fur Rendezvous and former Iditarod race marshal, Dick Tozier. Both are regarded as tops in their respective sporting events.

Tozier will be working closely with Helms during these last few weeks before the mushers hit the trail for Nome. Race philosophy, precedents set, pressures of working day and night under rugged conditions, the 46 race rules that must be enforced