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RurAL CAP QUESTIONS NUNIVAK OX HUNT

PETROLEUM TRAINING COURSE AT WILDWOOD

A petroleum training course was held in Wildwood, in Kenai, during the week of July 21 through 25, 1975 with representatives from 13 villages around the state participating.

Mary Stachelrodt, director of the RurAL CAP Energy program, attended the session and commented that she was very pleased with the information presented.

She felt that the other representatives were knowledgeable about their fuel situation, which contributed to the success of the course. Some of the villages do not have storage tanks, but they have been ordered, and will be installed this summer.

The trainers were Claire Solzman from the Standard Oil Company in Tacoma, Washington; Jan Gordon from ANICA (Alaska Native Industries Co-op Association) Seattle office; and Max Dolchak of ANICA, Anchorage operation.

Visits were made to the Standard Oil Kenai Wholesale/Distributor plant, and also to the Tesoro Nikiski refinery. In a demonstration, participants were taught the proper procedure, and required to actually put out a small fire with a dry chemical extinguisher. The Kenai Fire Department was present during the demonstration at the Kenai fuel plant.

The curriculum also included how to gauge tanks; cleanliness; storage; product surveillance; how to estimate fuel needs; ordering; inventory and stock control; temperature differences; influence on product and cost; determining selling price; environmental law; and spill prevention and control.

On the last day, there was a final test, and certificates from the Governor of Alaska were presented by Joan Ray, Energy Administrator from the Alaska Energy Office.

Mrs. Stachelrodt remarked that trainer Claire Solzman obviously knew how to reach the people, and obtained very exciting feedback from this demonstration training session. Solzman commented, "I feel that we've all learned from this one and the next session will be better."

"We've waited a long time for such a session," Mrs. Stachelrodt noted, "and hope we can find funds to do follow-up, and to have other sessions with an open invitation to managers of new fuel storage facilities."

She hopes to do "follow-up" fuel news in the RurAL CAP page in TUNDRA TIMES, and in the monthly newspaper of the agency, VILLAGE VOICE.

Representatives from fuel distribution stations attending the week-long course which was sponsored by Standard Oil and ANICA, were: Morris Nashoanuk from Stebbins; Dennis Lincoln, White Mountain; Michael Kiyuklook, Savoonga; Leonard Apangalook, Gambell; Benjamin Uttereyuk, Scammon Bay; Nick N. Epchook, Kwethluk; Bob Hawley, Kivalina; Homer Larkin, Selawik; Bert Greist, Kotzebue; Gene Snell, Shishmaref; Gene K. Sampson, Noorvik; Peter Alexie, Jr., Tulukson; and Walter P. Williams from Akiak.



COLOR CODING—Claire Solzman, Standard Oil, instructs petroleum training class about color coding of different fuel products.



REFINERY VISIT—Nikiski Refinery visit brings questions from the class about fuel gauging problems.

FUEL DELIVERY TO REMOTE VILLAGES IS RATHER DIFFICULT

Fuel delivery to the remote villages below Homer is a rather difficult task — because of weather and because of the cumbersome method of handling.

This is the only way at the present time to deliver the fuel.

Sharply-Worded Letter To State Ombudsman Asks Look Into Hunt

In a sharply-worded letter to the State Ombudsman, RurAL CAP has requested that the upcoming Musk Ox hunt on Nunivak Island be "looked into." The letter resulted from conversations held last week with representatives of Nunam Kitlutsisti, a Bethel-based resource advocacy group funded through Yupiktak Bista and RurAL CAP.

"As proposed, the hunt is only open to an economic elite," stated CAP Director Phil Smith.

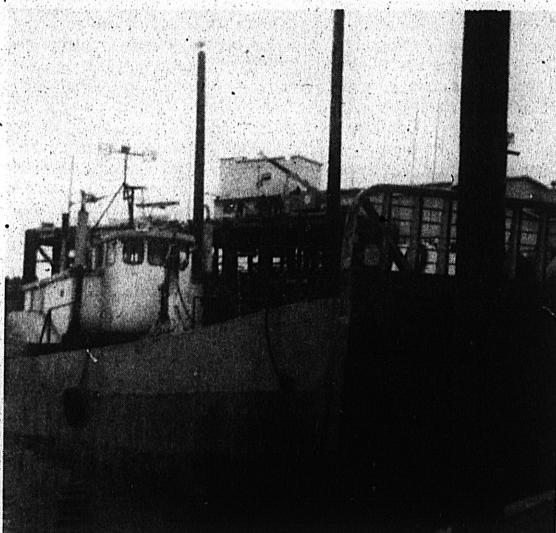
The state is requiring a \$500 tag fee for Alaskan residents and \$1,000 for non-residents.

"This will result in de facto discrimination against low-income people in the rural areas," Smith continued.

Harold Sparcks, Nunam Kitlutsisti Director, pointed out the "dangerous precedent" established by the hunt.

"If the state treats Musk Ox in this manner, what will happen when management of species presently protected by the Marine Mammal Act are returned to state management? Will there be any access at all for subsistence purposes?"

While plans for the hunt proceed, both RurAL CAP and Nunam Kitlutsisti are investigating the possibility of legal action to delay it until the subsistence question is adequately addressed.



FUEL BARGE — Owned by Walt Kodiak, this barge delivers fuel and freight to villages outside Homer.



A BARGE NAMED NANUK — These tanks, strapped on the barge which is owned by Alex Flinn, deliver fuel to English Bay and other villages below Homer. Bad weather does not permit delivery.

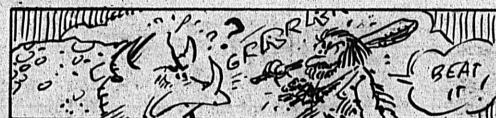
Fishwheels Turn— At Copper River

Informed of a decision by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game to close the Copper River to sport and subsistence fishing, Harding Ewan, President of the Copper River Native Association Board, immediately sent telegrams to the Governor, and to the Commissioner of Fish and Game, James Brooks.

Telegrams also were sent by CRNA staff Director Thea Smelcer, and Eileen Ewan,

Director of the Aging program. Two days later, State Ombudsman Frank Flavin called CRNA to inform them of the ADF&G decision to reverse the closure.

Said Smelcer, "This is a good example of how the state can be responsive to the needs of low-income people. We're pleased with the decision and thankful for the support we got from other organizations."



Some ancient people believed that wearing nettles would put them on their mettle, and banish fear of danger.