

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."