

## Interior appropriations approved by committee

Alaskan hatchery and fishery research projects, emergency medical services for Native health corporations, and other special Alaskan projects would be funded under additions put in the Interior Appropriations bill by U.S. Sen. Ted Stevens.

The bill, approved by both the Interior Appropriations Subcommittee and by the full Appropriations Committee Thursday, now includes an additional \$300,000 for the Fish and Wildlife Service in Alaska to do research in fish diseases, environmental stress factors on fisheries, and genetic variation of fish stocks. The committee added five positions to the Service in Alaska to carry out this program.

A new salmon hatchery project at Tamgass Creek near Metlakatla was allotted \$805,000 in the bill for the first phase of construction. The senator had told the Interior Committee that this hatchery would help to provide essential alternative employment opportunities for members of Metlakatla Indian Community.

Stevens also had language put in the bill urging the Bureau of Indian Affairs to continue funding Metlakatla resource management.

Other language added in subcommittee provides for \$10 million in advance payments of federal funds to the Alaskan Native fund, as authorized by the Buckley amendment to the Alaska pipeline act, but a prepayment of Alaska pipeline revenues due to Alaska Natives when oil starts flowing from the North Slope.

The Land Use Planning Commission would receive an additional \$197,000 above the budget request for a total of \$737,000, the same as the state appropriated for the commission.

A total of \$1.5 million was added to Indian Health Service appropriations at Stevens' request for emergency medical services to Alaska Native health corporations.

They would be distributed as follows: \$225,000 for the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation; \$265,000 for the Tanana Chiefs Health Authority; \$315,000 for the Southern EMS Council; \$15,000 for the North Slope Borough; \$125,000 for the Norton Sound Health Airport, which provides tourists Corporation; \$115,000 to the Bristol Bay Health Corporation;

\$125,000 for Maneuluk; and \$130,000 to the Southeastern Alaska Health Corporation.

The Bethel hospital was allotted \$8 million for the second phase of construction.

The subcommittee also added \$850,000 to the National Park Service budget for runway construction at Gustavus

access to the Glacier Bay National Monument.

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