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## NEWSLETTER

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# AFN moves to new office

## OCS studies reviewed by AFN

The Department of Interior proposes a major, and perhaps definitive study of the Outer Continental Shelf which may well determine the uses and abuses of this resource in Alaska for many years to come.

Entitled, "The Prediction and Evaluation of the Effects of Alaska Outer Continental Shelf Petroleum Development Upon the Physical, Social and Economic Environments Within Alaska at the State, Regional and Community Levels..." the study will be funded on a multiple phase basis with phase I commencing on or after July 19, 1976, and will focus on the Gulf of Alaska and the Beaufort Seas.

Mrs. Paula Rasmus, AFN Inc. representative, attended a pre-bid conference in San Francisco on July 10, and found that Interior had little interest in Alaska Native participation in the study. Spokesman for the BLM, Mr. J.A. Rourke, stated that the department had adequate information as well as an in-house staff of experts dealing with Native problems and OCS.

There was some surprise and not a little consternation when an Alaskan Native showed up at the conference which caused several major potential bidders to contact AFN for more information on Alaska Native intent with respect to the Interior study.

As a result of this interest and concern, a special meeting of potential bidders and other interested persons was held in the AFN conference room in Anchorage on June 21, 1976.

Attending the conference were representatives of Williams Brothers Engineering Company, presently engaged in a comprehensive resource study of the Navajo nation; Mr. Lee Gorsuch, executive director of the Institute of Social, Economic and Government Research of the University of Alaska; Coopers and Lybrand, Inc.; Alaska Resource Sciences Corporation; Alaska Consultants, Inc.; Stanford Research Institute and ESCA-Tech, Inc..

Of those attending, only ISEGR indicated an intent to bid the contract as a prime contractor. Mr. Gorsuch cited the highly complex demands of the study together with its inadequate funding (\$810,000) and stated that his organization would submit a bid primarily to assure Alaskan interests.

The economic and social impact of massive exploration of the Outer Continental Shelf upon the coastal regions of the state will be severe. A great deal of data is unknown but coastal towns and villages, not to mention the salmon breeding streams and lakes in the vicinity of such activity will be affected.

"This is so important," stated Gordon Jackson, executive vice president for Human Resources at AFN, "that we are taking this matter to our board." The AFN

board will be given a complete summary of the proposed Interior study with several recommendations for Native participation and oversight.

According to a BLM spokesman, the forthcoming study will be one of several, each designed to study one or more of the proposed off-shore leasing areas and the effect of petroleum development on their respective coastal areas.

Presumably, previous studies covering several of the same aspects of the present studies will be used as a basis for further investigation, but observers at the June 19th pre-bid conference noted more than a little duplication.

"None of the studies so far," noted AFN President Sam Kito, Jr., "have given sufficient attention to what happens to the coastal villages and their life-styles when the big oil rigs start pumping. If BLM has all of the data it needs on Native involvement in OCS studies we would sure like to see it," said Kito, noting that previous Environmental Impact

statements involving Native lands "were a little light" on sociological and anthropological impact with respect to affected Alaska Natives.

"We're not saying that Interior is trying to run on by us," said Kito, "but we intend to see to it that the Alaskan Natives affected by these studies get the attention they deserve in this and all future studies." It should be noted that over 70 per cent of the land to be impacted by OCS is Native land.

## Alaska Federation of Natives youth meeting

The Alaska Federation of Natives Youth Council executive board meeting held June 10 and 11 at the AFN Conference Room was a real success.

Mr. George Irvin, RURAL CAP explained parliamentary procedure and the responsibilities that are involved in holding an executive session. Mr. Jake Lestenkof, executive vice president, land claims, Alaska Federation of Natives, briefed the youth council on the land claims; Mr. Carl Jack, director of health affairs division explained proposal writing and budgeting,

## 550 W. 8th Avenue Anchorage, Alaska

As of July 1, 1976, the Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc., will have a new home. Our new offices are located at 550 W. 8th Avenue, on the corner of 8th Avenue and "F" Street and within walking distance of downtown Anchorage. Our new mailing address is: 550 W. 8th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99501. Our telephone numbers will remain the same.

The staff will be busy the first week in July moving, but activities should be back to normal by the second week. An open house is being planned and the dates for the event will be announced in the near future. Meanwhile, if you in the neighborhood, drop in and take a look at our new home. We think you'll like what you'll see, and the staff is just as friendly as before!

and Mr. Sam Lamebull, technical assistance, assisted the youth council in going over their goals and bylaws which were adopted at the annual youth council conference held April 8 and 9, 1976.

The youth council is presently in the process of raising funds for another meeting planned for August 16, 17 and 18. The meeting will involve the explanation of Public Law 93-638, which is the Indian Self Determination and Education Act, finalization of the youth council goals and bylaws,

planning of the annual AFN youth council conference, and completion of old business.

The June 10 and 11 meetings were funded by the Bristol Bay Native Association, Johnson O'Malley Project who have the youth council \$2,500.00.

At the present time the youth council is in need of \$3850.00 for the August meeting. We hope to be able to include the alternate members.

Anyone wishing to assist with the meeting, please call Lynda Hadley at 274-3611 extension 335.

## Nome hospital energy conservation in funding bill

The Nome Hospital would receive \$5 million for construction in the fiscal year 1977 Labor-HEW appropriations bill as passed from subcommittee last Thursday, addition made at the request of U.S. Sen. Ted Stevens.

The Department of Health, Education and Welfare has tentatively agreed to approve the Nome Hospital project for a \$4 million FHA guaranteed loan, and the state of Alaska would provide about \$1 million.

The Emergency Energy Conservation program, administered by the Community

Services Administration, was brought up to a level of \$55 million for FY 1977, a \$27.5 million increase over the House allowance.

"These funds are used to insulate homes and make minor repairs which result in savings in heating fuel costs," Stevens, a member of the Labor-HEW Appropriations Subcommittee, said. "The Alaskan program has been administered by the Rural Alaska Community Action Program and is most needed in our state."

The subcommittee also added recently.

Purpose of the loan is to finance facilities to connect 891 additional subscribers and improve service for 193 existing telephone subscribers.

It will be used to construct new dial central office buildings in Kotzebue, Ambler, Kiana, Kivalina, Noatak, Noorvik, Selawik, and Shungnak exchanges and construct 437 miles of new line, according to REA.

## Loan given to OTZ in Kotzebue

WASHINGTON—The Rural Electrification Administration has approved a \$3,355,000 loan to assist the OTZ Telephone Cooperative, Inc. in Kotzebue to provide a telephone exchange for Kotzebue and seven other villages.

The REA loan will be made at a special interest rate of two per cent "because of hardship resulting from unusual circumstances," Sen. Mike Gravel, D-Alaska, was advised

## \$1.3 million for employment

The Department of Community & Regional Affairs has been awarded nearly 1.3 million dollars for the summer employment of approximately 3,000 Alaskan youth between the ages of 14 to 21.

Funding for this program was awarded by the Manpower Division in the Office of the Governor under the Federal Comprehensive Employment Training Act.

The program, known as Neighborhood Youth Corps, will provide work experience and summer employment for many economically disadvantaged youth in rural Alaska.

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\$25 million to the House allowance of \$15 million to continue the Emergency Food and Medical Services program. The total allowance for the Community Services Administration under the subcommittee's bill is \$558.5

## Sackett resigns . . .

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remained in the interior and helping to make Alaska grow."

"In addition, we have initiated a \$40 million gas and oil exploration program in the Kandik Basin. That program is proceeding very well. Then, too, we have a \$4 million hard rock region-wide reconnaissance program in the works."

"We have recently announced our Canadian minerals venture, the asbestos program, and our intent to explore the Purcell Mountain-Zane Hills region for fissionable minerals.

Sackett's resignation, effective June 28, is programmed toward a faster growing and even more successful corporate impact.

Wallis added that the board of directors early adopted a philosophy that Doyon would participate, cooperate and compete in the Alaskan business world. We also have a very mandate to accept and meet the needs of our shareholders who, in many cases, feel that dollar profit is not to become the sole occupation of our corporation. Our pride in meeting those objectives, I think, is justified. We plan to continue in that direction.

million, an increase of \$38 million over the current level.

Funds for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting were brought up the authorized level of \$103 million for FY 1977, an increase also supported and requested by Stevens.

corporate foundation that we feel is competitive in both resource development and general business."

"Doyon alone has created in excess of \$5 million in payrolls in our various business ventures," Sackett continued. "That is money that for the most part has

## Phone bill . . .

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satellite earth stations in 100 villages by 1977 to bring telephone and emergency medical communications to those communities.

Earth stations at the first group of 20 villages are being turned up for service this spring with about 50 more to be installed this year.

The first satellite telephone call was made from Noorvik on April 30 by Lt. Gov. Lowell Thomas, Jr. who called Gov. Jay Hammond in Juneau.

There are several differences between the administration of the VHF telephones and the new earth station telephones now being installed. For example, villages served by VHF telephones pay the \$35 monthly service charge and are able to call other villages in their area without

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