

Closure of Unimak False Pass Fishery Asked

News Release from: Bristol Bay Native Corporation; Bristol Bay Area Development Corporation; and Bristol Bay Native Association.

The following people attended the Kodiak Fish and Game Board hearings Nov. 27-Dec. 2, 1972: William Johnson, John Christensen, Nick Christensen, Nels A. Anderson, Jr. and Herman Schroeder, Sr. testified at the hearings.

The main point of the presentation centered around the closure of the Unimak False Pass Fishery during the month of June. Mr. Dean Paddock, former employee of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, testified in behalf of Bristol Bay.

He has 17 years experience as a fisheries biologist and demonstrated conclusively that the Unimak False Pass Fishery is taking Bristol Bay stock during the month of June.

Sen. J. Hammond, Earl Mollohan, Jake Gregory and Dean Paddock remained in Kodiak for the remainder of the board hearings. The Fish and Game is expected to act on the Bristol Bay proposal to closing the Unimak False Pass Fishery in June.

A quota system was proposed by the staff of the Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game. This was violently opposed by the Bristol Bay delegation. The reason for opposition is simply that a quota would only be a license to steal.

The Unimak False Pass Fishery is only a recent gill net fishery and should never have been allowed in the first place. Governor Egan was contacted by phone and notified of the wishes of Bristol Bay.

Nels A. Anderson, Jr. commended the governor for his concern and felt encouraged that the governor would continue to keep the fishery's problem a high priority.

The discussion touched on the problem of the Japanese fisheries, predators, and the high volume of fisherman and gear in Bristol Bay. Many Alaska residents who are salaried year round utilize the salmon fishery. Also, many outside fisherman come in to take the Bristol Bay fish.

This pressure on a diminishing salmon run decreases the average catch per boat, thereby reducing the average annual in-

come of watershed residents.

This problem is especially harmful to those people who rely totally on the summer salmon catch for their annual income.

This last fishing season, Bristol Bay fisherman spent most of their time on the beach while the Unimak False Pass fisherman fished 24 hours a day, five days a week.

The local fisherman are very concerned for the fish. They know that the fish must escape in order to perpetuate themselves.

Bristol Bay people have never objected to proper management and perpetuation of the salmon stock. They have sacrificed and watched while others take Bristol Bay salmon before they reach the streams.

"The Bristol Bay people," stated Nels Anderson, "can no longer tolerate the taking of our fish. Intermingled stock, as they migrate to Bristol Bay and points north, should not be disturbed. The Kuskokwim, Norton Sound and Yukon Fisheries are affected by the same factors as the Bristol Bay Fishery. Bristol Bay is calling for a unified voice to do what must be done. The Alaska Fish & Game Board must act to protect the fish and twenty thousand pairs of eyes are watching to see that justice is done."

Winter Sports Charlie Moses AND HIS SPORTS

Especially the basketball antics of Fairbanks Native Association's team.



On November 25, Fairbanks Native Center basketball team played their first game against Clear Air Force Station at Clear which turned out to be a real scorching, hoarse voice, ulcer bursting contest.

The game got off to a fast start with Clear jumping to a 10-0 lead before FNA was able to get on the board with a bucket by Gabe McQuestion and two quick buckets by Donnie Stevens.

From then on everyone got in the scoring act with some strong rebounding from Vinnie

Jameson, Ed Sipary, and Dave Gray, former Juneau High ball player.

Before realizing what happened and the score 20-10 in favor of FNA, Clear called a time out. After a minute of rest, Clear-five came on strong to tie the score 27-27 at which time FNA called a time out to put in the older and more experienced ball players.

After time resumed, Tim hit a beautiful long set shot, only to be deprived of his two points because of a three second violation by Dave Gray. This made

Tim very unhappy even to the point of threatening Dave he had to walk back to Fairbanks. The score changed hands several times before half-time, in which FNA held a four point lead, 35-31.

FNA started the second half strong again. Grabbing a ten point lead only to have Clear tie the score again and to bring in a 6'7" ringer to hold the game in doubt up to the final five seconds.

With nine seconds remaining, Tim scored a layup with an assist from his coach - of course.

This making the score 65-62 and with five seconds remaining, Clear scored an unmolested lay-in, this making the final score 65-64, only then did Tim forgive Dave.

SCORING COLUMN

McQuestion	19
Moses	14
Stevens	8
Sipary	6
Gray	3
Wallis	2
Van Dyke	5
Jameson	8

Nutcracker Ballet at Civic Center

The Nutcracker Ballet in three acts will be presented on Sunday, December 17, at 2 p.m. at the Alaskaland Civic Center Theater under the sponsorship of the Alaska Association for the Arts.

Mary Cowden Snyder is director and choreographer.

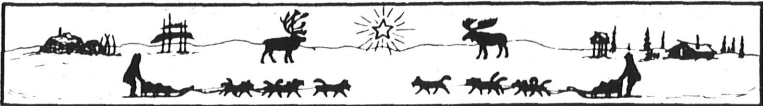
This year's performance has been expanded and will feature a pas de deux and a number of solos that were not included be-

fore.

The large cast has been working for many weeks to make this year's performance better than ever. Tickets may be purchased at the Borealis Bookstore and Wood Center at the University of Alaska.

Children's tickets are \$.75 and adults, \$1.50. Don't wait too long, last year tickets were sold out. Get your tickets early.

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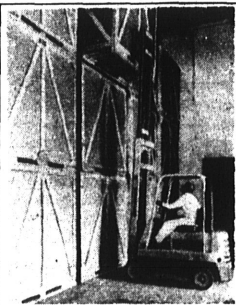
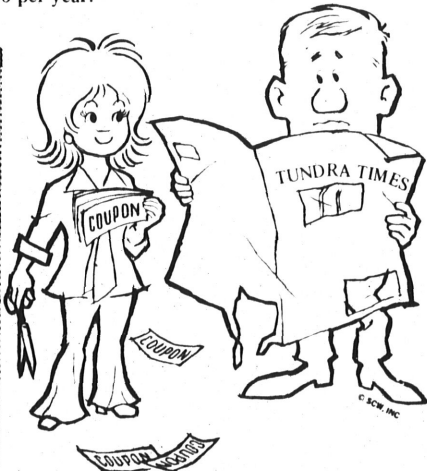
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