

•Tour coalition

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goals and identify initial projects. Panelists with expertise in indigenous ecotourism programs around the world will guide the process and share their experiences in the field. Scheduled speakers include Kirk Hoessle of Alaska Wildland Adventures, Ken Leghorn of Alaska Discovery, Inc., and Jim Sinnett from Chugach Heritage Association. Ray

Ashton, of Applied Technology Management, Inc., and Deborah McLaren from the Rethinking Tourism in Washington, DC, keynote speakers at the AWRTA Conference will also participate in the coalition meeting.

The coalition is part of the Conservancy's Ecotourism Program, which was initiated in 1994, and is designed to help protect the ecological values of Alaska lands while encourag-

ing sustainable and economically viable approaches to management of those resources. Last year, the Conservancy published an *Ecotourism Guide for Alaska Native Landowners*, and held a workshop in the subject at the 1995 Alaska Federation of Natives Conference.

"Our ultimate goal," said Susan Ruddy, the Conservancy's Alaska Director, "is to help find ways to protect some of Alaska's most beautiful and biologically significant places, while at the same time providing incentives for enhancing the economies of the people who live in those places."

For more information on the Alaska Native Ecotourism Coalition, contact Michelle Brown at 907/262-6377. To obtain materials on the Alaska Wilderness, Recreation and Tourism Association Conference, please call Ellen Maling at AWRTA, 907/463-3038.

Subsistence nominations extended

The Federal Subsistence Board is extending the deadline for applications for membership on ten Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Councils through March 14, 1997. The Regional Councils provide advice and make recommendations to the Board concerning subsistence hunting, trapping and fishing issues on federal public lands. Regional Council members are residents of their respective regions and are knowledgeable of local and regional subsistence issues and needs.

For an application packet or for more information, contact the Office of Subsistence Management toll-free at (800) 478-1456 or in Anchorage at (907) 786-3888. Hearing-impaired individuals may call (907) 786-3309 (TTY available).



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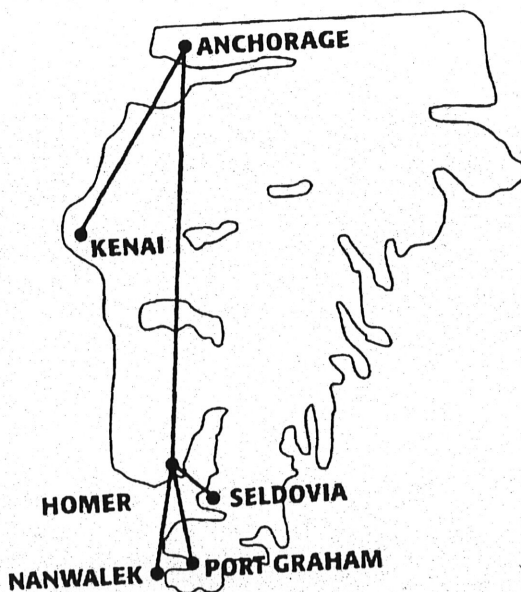
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