

To Protect North Slope Environment

The Alaska Oil and Gas Association today announced approval of a strong statement of policy to protect the North Slope environment.

The Alaska Oil and Gas Association also promised full and complete support to the State and Federal Agencies seeking to enlist the cooperation of the petroleum industry in operations involving Arctic environmental problems.

In approving a policy of cooperation, the Alaska Oil and Gas Association approved unanimously the first phase of the Federal Field Committee for Development Planning in Alaska's proposal to:

(1) Establish at the University of Alaska an Arctic information retrieval and transfer system (with bibliographic and abstract service to subscribers) covering Arctic environmental data and scientific and technological knowledge pertinent to the environment generally, to natural resources, to Arctic engineering and construction, and to factors of human adaptation, health, etc.

(2) Express an interest in subscribing to the service, once established, and an indication of willingness to contribute information gathered by the industry which is not privileged or classified for internal company use only.

(3) Endorsed the need and desirability of joint industry-federal-state-university environmental programming and agreement to proceed with: (a) the cooperative planning and programming of efforts to secure new environmental knowledge on the Arctic in accordance with joint determinations of need and priority (b) the cooperative resolution of potential environmental conflicts.



MUSK OX RIDE—Two year old musk ox is giving a ride to the son of the station manager Diederik Bellaar-Spruyt, at the Old Fort Chimo musk ox farm in northern Quebec. The musk ox domestication station was established by the Kellogg Institute of Northern Agricultural Research and the Quebec government in 1967 under

the direction of John Teal. Teal was also in charge of the similar musk ox domestication program near the University of Alaska in College, Alaska. Old Fort Chimo station was established for the economic benefit of the Eskimo people near Ungava Bay in northern Quebec.

—Photograph by FRED BRUEMMER

Rep. Pollock for Noncompetitive

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Congressman Howard W. Pollock, R-Alaska, today repeated his stand in favor of classifying part of the North Slope for non-competitive bidding.

Allowing non-competitive bidding on possible oil rich North Slope land, far removed from the discovery well, will bring new

money into Alaska's private sector as competitive bidding will do in the public sector, Pollock said.

The best interests of Alaska economy will be served by allowing both competitive and non-competitive bidding on the North Slope, the Congressman said.

Pollock said he does not feel it proper to disregard the interests of the "great many Alaskans" who have filed valid bid offers on North Slope land.

"I feel I must represent the interests of all Alaska," Pollock said.

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NIH Honors Petite, Heroic Ella Kinegak

The courageous little Eskimo woman, Mrs. Ella Kinegak of Bethel, was honored last week in Washington, D.C., by the National Institute of Health for her heroic rescue of a small boy from drowning on the Kuskokwim River last year.

Ella had received previous recognition and honor from the State of Alaska but the glitter and importance of the NIH award brought her all the way to the nation's capitol.

A modest little woman, Mrs. Kinegak has earned the respect of all Alaskans for her courage and bravery in rescuing the little boy who was drowning in the raging Kuskokwim River.

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