

## Aerial hunting— Federal legislation

Due to the recent controversy surrounding the aerial wolf control program by the Alaska State Department of Fish and Game, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service officials in Anchorage are responding to a number of inquiries about federal legislation concerning this type of activity.

Under the Airborne Hunting Act of 1971, the state retains the right to grant its employees or agents a permit for aerial hunting or harassment of wildlife administrator or protect its wildlife. Needless to say, it is illegal for private individuals to hunt wolves or any other form of wildlife while airborne.

The act also relates to the use of an aircraft to indirectly aid in the taking of wildlife, whether by harassment or chasing while in the air or using the radio for spotting purposes. Under provisions of that, harass can be defined as anything from merely disturbing or worrying wildlife to concentrating, chasing or actual herding from the air.

Liability also extends to any person who knowingly engages in one of these activities, whether in an aircraft or on the ground, and any person piloting or assisting in the operation of an aircraft from which another person shoots.

It also includes any person on the ground who takes or attempts to take any wildlife species with the aid of aircraft or its communications equipment.

When a state does issue a permit to the employees or agents, a rigid reporting procedure is required. States may not issue a permit for sport hunting.

A report containing the name and address of each person issued such a permit and the number and species of wildlife taken in a particular area must be reported to the director of the Fish and Wildlife Service within six months after the end of a calendar year.

Penalties contained within the act provide for confiscation of the aircraft, any firearms used, a

fine of up to \$5,000, and a jail term not to exceed one year, or both.

The pilot or person shooting from the aircraft need not be identified since identification of the plane is grounds for seizure of the aircraft and forfeiture under administrative procedures.

For further information, contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Law Enforcement, 813 "D" Street, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

## Special program convened in Anchorage

"How Things Work: Leadership Beyond the Village" is the topic of a special program being convened in Anchorage and Juneau on March 10-18.

Funded under a Title I Higher Education Act Grant, the program will bring together 12, selected village leaders for a mini-course on the political process and combine it with field visits to agencies and organizations which have programs in those communities as well as a trip to the State Legislature.

While in Anchorage visitations will be made to the Alaska Federation of Natives, the State Court Complex and in Juneau the participants will meet with their local representatives, visit legislative committee meetings and meet with officials in the executive branch of state government.

The 12 will come from communities ranging geographically from Barter Island to Kodiak and Northway to Gambell and were selected through nominations solicited from the 12 non-profit Native regional associations.

Coordinating the program are Ms. Margy Johnson of the Alaska Federation of Natives, Lowell Nelson of the Alaska Petroleum Retailers, who will be providing the instruction for the program, and Ron Inouye of the Center for Northern Educational Research.

It is the purpose of the program to provide these 12 village leaders with a better understanding of political process by combining academic instruction with actual field

## Resurgence of king crab industry

A report on the resurgence of a fishery once on the brink of extinction, in the March issue of Alaska magazine, says that king crab catches are now generating \$41 million annually for Alaska fishermen.

Reporting that poor biology, greed and ineffective regulation once severely threatened the industry, Outdoors Editor Jim Rearden documents changes in the now mature industry that should result in sustained yield harvests for the future.

The article delves into how, why and where fishermen, often at great personal risk, pursue the shellfish that has become an international table delicacy in the years since World War II.

Other featured articles in the magazine range from a wrap-up report by Bush Reporter Lael Morgan on Alaska's biggest Native villages, Anchorage and Fairbanks, to a personal account by Myron Fultz, of Fairbanks, on his participation in an approved musk ox hunt on

Nunivak Island.

Morgan covers the psychological and economic penalties that are major impediments to the urbanization of bush residents who migrate to the state's largest cities. Tracing the always painful transition, Morgan cites examples of both success and failure.

Fultz was one of 10 hunters authorized to take a musk ox in last fall's carefully controlled hunt. His graphic description of the experience includes his assessment that the musk ox is a worthy game animal.

The March Alaska magazine also includes a collection of other far-ranging articles that reflect "Life on the Last Frontier." The magazine goes on sale this week at fine bookstores and other retail outlets.

visits. Upon return to their home communities it is hoped that these individuals become better

community leaders and more knowledgeable about "How Things Work."

## New Bethel hospital

WASHINGTON—The Senate has freed the \$1.5 million the President tried to impound for work this spring on a new Bethel hospital facility.

Sen. Mike Gravel, D-Alaska, who co-sponsored a Senate resolution to block the administration impoundment of the money, said, "The present hospital is old, inadequate and poorly designed."

A new hospital is badly needed and even under the most favorable conditions, it will take several years to complete the project. To delay it now would be a terrible mistake," he said.

The funds will be available to allow completion of the architectural design documents and install the pile foundation for the health facility which will serve over 52 villages in the Yukon-Kuskokwim area of Alaska.

Gravel requested the funds for the second year of work on the facility which will be a referral center as well as a training center and staging ground for field health specialists who visit the villages.

The funds were provided in an appropriations bill by Congress and signed into law last December. In January the President impounded the funds.

The Senate disapproved that action by adopting the resolution which Gravel co-sponsored with Sen. Hubert Humphrey, D-Minn., and others,

which would have cut off certain funds for construction grants for Indian schools and public health facilities.

## Tiffany awarded

Warren I. Tiffany, long-time Bureau of Indian Affairs educator in Alaska, has been awarded the Meritorious Service Award by Secretary of the Interior Thomas Kleppe.

Tiffany was presented the award at a retirement event in his honor in Albuquerque, N.M., where he has been serving as deputy administrator of the National Indian Education Resources Center for the past three years.

Prior to taking that position, Tiffany has been the assistant area director for education of the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Alaska. Other Alaskan positions held by Tiffany include teacher, principal and boarding school superintendent.

Tiffany, his wife Maryanne, and their children are now living in Port Townsend, Wash. at 706 Taft, Port Townsend, Wash. 98368.

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