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Senate

Committee on Resources

May 18, 1981
1:30 p.m.

Beltz Room
211 - Capitol

MEMBERS PRESENT

Senator Fahrenkamp
Senator Mulcahy
Senator Eliason
Senator Gilman
Senator Bradley
Senator Sturgulewski

Hearing:

- SJR 45 Relating to construction of the Snettisham II (Crater Lake) hydroelectric project.
- SB 370 An Act making a special appropriation to the Department of Community and Regional Affairs for a Bristol Bay Native Association gardening project.
- SB 401 An Act cancelling certain claims for reimbursement of state money granted to fair associations as state aid to fairs.
- HB 216 An Act authorizing the Alaska Agricultural Action Council to construct and dispose of grain terminals and elevators.

Senator Sturgulewski put forth the motion to move SB 370 with individual recommendations.

Senator Gilman put forth the motion to move SB 401 with individual recommendations.

Staff suggested amending HB 216 inserting an effective date clause. Senator Mulcahy put forth the motion to add an immediate effective date clause starting on page 1, line 17 which was accepted. Senator Mulcahy put forth the motion to move HB 216, as amended, with individual recommendations.

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Phil Holdsworth stated that SJR 45 recommends that the funds be expended to complete Phase II of the Snettisham hydroelectric project. Phase II needs to be completed because all of the new homes under construction in Juneau are electric. There are plans to build a transmission line to Hoonah, which will go near the Greens Creek mining operation. The existing facility will not be able to handle the extra usage.

Senator Eliason put forth the motion to add another "Whereas" to the resolution pointing out the plans for Hoonah and the Greens Creek mining operation.

Senator Mulcahy put forth the motion to move CSSJR 45 (res) with individual recommendations.

The Committee adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

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BRISTOL BAY NATIVE ASSOCIATION

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January 29, 1981

The Honorable George Hohman
Senator
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator Hohman:

Please find enclosed a copy of a proposal our office put together over the last week.

We have put careful thought into the preparation of the proposal and feel that it could immensely benefit our region if the proposal is funded.

We have an opportunity out here in Bristol Bay to rapidly expand village gardening, and we feel it could grow to become an important aspect to the agricultural development of our area.

Any help you can give us to get the proposal funded will be greatly appreciated. I might mention that we have also submitted a copy of the proposal to Chuckwuk's office and Ad Hermann indicated that she would do everything she can to help us out.

If you are able to help us in any way, please respond to us immediately. Time is of essence here since spring is not long away.

Thank you, George.

Sincerely yours,

BRISTOL BAY NATIVE ASSOCIATION

Fred T. Angasan

Fred T. Angasan
Executive Director

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A PROPOSAL FOR
TEMPORARY POSITION FOR THE
BRISTOL BAY:

MARSTON GARDENING EXPERT

MAY THROUGH AUGUST, 1981

SUBMITTED BY:

BRISTOL BAY NATIVE ASSOCIATION, INC.
P. O. Box 189
Dillingham, Alaska 99576

SUBMISSION DATE: JANUARY 29, 1981

I. INTRODUCTION:

Both in the Spring of 1979 and 1980, eight (8) communities in Bristol Bay have been fortunate to have an experienced gardener from the Muktuk Marston Gardening Project based out of Kotzebue, Alaska travel throughout the local communities teaching interested villagers about growing gardens.

The Muktuk Marston Gardening Project has been an experimental program activated in 1976 in the Kotzebue area of Northwest Alaska. Through the project, rototillers, wire fencing, seeds, fertilizer, and other gardening supplies are made available to village gardeners. Besides providing needed gardening materials, the project also provides technical advice on arctic gardening to the villagers. An expert arctic gardener visits interested villagers, assisting them in growing gardens.

The gardening program has been activated through a contribution by Muktuk Marston, well-known in Alaska for playing an important role in organizing the Alaska Territorial Guard. Mr. Marston has known many Alaskan villagers, therefore has made the contribution to "repay his friends". Mr. Marston passed away last summer.

The gardening project flourished throughout Northwest Alaska, reaching 22 Inupiat villages. Upon learning of the success of the project, the Bristol Bay Native Association requested the gardening project be attempted in the Bristol Bay area. Subsequently, Mr. Tony Schuerch, who directs the project out of Kotzebue, travelled to a number of villages in Bristol Bay to see if villagers would be interested in growing gardens.

Considering the limited amount of time Mr. Schuerch has spent in Bristol Bay, the gardening program in Bristol Bay has been very effective. Much interest for the project has been shown by the communities of Ekwok, Aleknagik, Nondalton, Leve-lock, South Naknek, Manokotak, Togiak, and Dillingham. Gardens have been successfully grown by villagers who for years have attempted to grow gardens.

A total of seven (7) Troy-Bilt rototillers have been made available to the communities of Bristol Bay. The rototillers are donated by the Marston Gardening Project, and are used by village gardeners each spring. Information on the maintenance and proper use of the power tillers has also been sent to all village gardeners.

II. THE PROBLEM:

Since the inception of the Marston Gardening Project in Bristol Bay in 1979, an experienced gardener from the Project has only been allowed to remain in the region for one (1) week each spring to assist local villagers grow gardens. Such a situation reflects the limited funds that have become available from the Project due to the rapid expansion of the gardening program in Northwest Alaska and Bristol Bay.

If additional funds were available to fund an experienced gardener from the Project to remain in Bristol Bay for at least four (4) months during the summer, than an opportunity exists to rapidly expand village gardening throughout the region. This opportunity could lead to create permanent changes in the current situation of village gardening in Bristol Bay.

The gardening project in Bristol Bay has only "touched the surface" of the potential expansion of the program. Villagers have reacted positively to the successful growing of gardens in their villages. Without question, the interest from local villages for the program calls for the need of a temporary full-time gardener expert to work more closely with the villagers of Bristol Bay.

Village gardening in Bristol Bay can rapidly expand for several reasons. First of all, the region contains much land where gardens can be successfully grown. According to the report entitled Alaska Agricultural Potential, Alaska Rural Development Council, March, 1974, the Bristol Bay region has 1.524 million acres of potential farm land. The Bristol Bay region has vast acreage where gardens can be grown. (see attached map)

Another reason why gardening in Bristol Bay can rapidly expand is because of the economic conditions of the villages. All of the villages in Bristol Bay are remote and the cost of living is extremely high in the communities. Jobs are extremely limited and money is hard to come by in the villages. With inflation having a profound impact on the village level, the villagers realize they must begin to supplement their way of life.

Still another important reason why village gardening in Bristol Bay can expand rapidly is because the villagers are becoming more aware that their subsistence way of life is being jeopardized more and more as each year passes. They have seen the growth of sport hunting pressures mount near their villages, and they realize they will soon be faced with an increasing number of hunting and fishing restrictions. Therefore, they realize that gardening could be another way to satisfy getting food on the table.

Because Bristol Bay villagers have always been hunters and fishermen of the land, it could be a strong reason why village gardening in the region could successfully expand. It has been shown in Northwest Alaska that those villagers who rely heavily upon hunting and fishing to supplement their lives are more successful in growing gardens. The relationship local villagers have always had with the land could be highly advantageous in their efforts in gardening.

Yet, to establish an effective village gardening program in Bristol Bay, and to spark greater interest among local people towards gardening, a temporary full-time gardening expert from the Marston Gardening Project should be given the opportunity of remaining in the region for at least four (4) months. The potential for rapid expansion of village gardening in Bristol Bay exists, and it should be given the opportunity to expand and benefit local people.

III. AN OPPORTUNITY:

An experienced arctic gardening expert from the Marston Gardening Project has shown interest to remain in the Bristol Bay region for at least four (4) months to assist local villagers in growing gardens.

The gardener has already been in Bristol Bay last spring assisting village gardeners, and therefore is acquainted with the lifestyle of the local people. He already knows contact people in the villages, and is well aware of the gardening needs of the Bristol Bay area. More importantly, the person knows how to use and maintain the Troy-Bilt rototillers currently located in the villages made available through the Marston Gardening Project.

If this proposal is funded, the gardener will be stationed in Dillingham from May through August, 1981. The gardener would be able to make several trips to each village in the region which show high interest in village gardening. This opportunity would allow the gardener to work more closely with the village people in preparing garden lots, applying the proper amount of fertilizer, nursing the seeds, and in essence, growing more successful gardens. It would also allow the gardener to work with more villagers who want to start their own gardens.

In this proposal, a major portion of the budget has been set aside for the salary of the visiting gardener, including travel and subsistence rate expenses. The remaining budget covers other offices expenses such as office rent, telephone

costs, and consumable supplies. A provisional indirect rate of 15% shall be applied to the budget for the Bristol Bay Native Association to administer the program.

An important aspect to this proposal is that the costs for use of the rototillers, seeds, fertilizer, wire fencing, and other gardening supplies will be donated to the program. Donators have already agreed to supply the gardening materials and supplies. Such a contribution is considered important to the success of the program because many villagers cannot afford to purchase such materials and supplies.

The Bristol Bay Native Association, a duly recognized non-profit organization based out of Dillingham, shall be responsible for monitoring the success of the program. The Native Association shall also assist the visiting gardener establish an office in Dillingham. The Association shall also be responsible for providing all the proper accounting aspects of the program.

If this proposal is funded, the Economic Planning Department of the Bristol Bay Native Association, namely the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration planning program shall work closely with the visiting gardener to carry out the work program.

Narrative reports on a monthly basis shall be completed by the visiting gardener to keep the grantor fully informed of the status of the program. A final narrative report of all activities accomplished and recommendations to improve the program shall be completed by the gardener for future development of the gardening program.

IV. THE PROPOSED BUDGET:

A. Personnel:

1. Marston Gardening Project Expert \$12,000.00
(\$150/day x 20 days/month x 4)

B. Travel:

1. Gardening Expert's travel from Anchorage to Dillingham & return 200.00

2. Gardening Expert's travel to villages of Bristol Bay from Dillingham 2,500.00

C. Per Diem:

1. Gardening Expert's subsistence rate of \$25/day in Dillingham x 30 days 750.00

2. Gardening Expert's subsistence rate of \$25/day in the villages x 90 days 2,250.00

D. Consumable Supplies 400.00
(\$100/month x 4)

E. Telephone 500.00

F. Office Rent 400.00

G. Indirect 2,478.26

TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET \$21,478.26

V. BUDGET JUSTIFICATION

A. Personnel:

The Muktuk Marston Gardening Project expert shall be employed on a consultant basis of \$150 per day, 20 days for a month times 4 months. Therefore, the consultant shall receive a sum of \$3000 per month for 4 months amounting to \$12,000. Employment shall begin May 1, 1981 and commence until August 31, 1981 or until funds have been exhausted.

B. Travel:

1. In order for the consultant to travel to Dillingham to begin work, it has been agreed that a round trip ticket for the consultant from Anchorage to Dillingham shall be issued. The round trip ticket costs approximately \$200.00.

2. In order for the consultant to travel to the villages in Bristol Bay, enough funds will be set aside for the consultant to make at least two (2) trips to each subregion in Bristol Bay:

-Alaska Peninsula Area (\$500/trip x 2)	\$1,000.00
-Lake Iliamna Area (\$300/trip x 2)	600.00
-Nushagak Bay Area (\$300/trip x 2)	600.00
-Togiak Bay Area (\$150/trip x 2)	<u>300.00</u>
	<u>\$2,500.00</u>

C. Per Diem:

A subsistence rate of \$25/day for stay in Dillingham and village travel has been agreed upon by the consultant and the Bristol Bay Native Association. The subsistence rate of \$25/day for village travel reflects the travel policies of the Native Association.

D. Consumable Supplies:

The consumable supplies have been determined to cost \$100.00 per month and will include pencils, paper stamps, envelopes, letterheads, and etc.

E. Telephone:

The telephone expenses have been determined to cost \$125.00 per month and these charges will result in making necessary phone calls to villages and other long distance telephone calls necessary for the success of the gardening program.

F. Office Rent:

Office rent has been determined at \$100.00 per month.

G. Indirect:

Indirect charges have been computed to \$2,478.26 (15% of the total direct charges). The indirect charges will cover the administrative costs of the Bristol Bay Native Association to effectively administer the program. The indirect charges will also cover the accounting expenses of the program.

PROPOSED WORK PROGRAM OF THE BRISTOL BAY MARSTON GARDENING PROJECT:

1. Work to assist interested villages in the Bristol Bay in growing individual gardens.
2. Work in close contact with the Muktuk Marston Gardening Project based out of Kotzebue, Alaska in the development of the local gardening program.
3. Work closely with the Economic Planning Department of the Bristol Bay Native Association, namely the U.S. Department of Commerce, EDA planning program of the Native Association, in the progress of this gardening program.
4. Travel to the villages of the Bristol Bay which show a high interest in growing gardens under the Muktuk Marston Gardening Project.
5. Properly notify village officials about the Muktuk Marston Gardening Project and intended itinerary of visits to be made to the villages.
6. Document the constraints to the growth of the village gardening program in Bristol Bay and provide for recommendations to overcome such constraints.
7. Provide for pictures of gardens and gardeners which have been grown in Bristol Bay under the Muktuk Marston Gardening Project.
8. Provide gardening information on a regular basis to the villagers of Bristol Bay needing such information.
9. Keep an ongoing list of all villages and villagers in each community assisted for future contact under the gardening program.
10. Assist in the acquisition of seeds, fertilizer, wire fencing and other necessary gardening materials and supplies as donated to the program, and provide such materials and supplies to interested villagers of Bristol Bay.
11. Complete a monthly status report of any or all activities associated with the Marston Gardening Project in Bristol Bay, and report of such activities to the Bristol Bay Native Association and grantor.

12. Complete a summary narrative report of any and all activities accomplished with this work program after the temporary position has ended. This report shall be submitted to the Bristol Bay Native Association and grantor.

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893 East 300 North
Provo, Utah 84601
November 24, 1980

Mr. Andy Golia
BBRAC Director
Bristol Bay Native Association
Box 189
Dillingham, Alaska 99576

Dear Mr. Golia:

I am writing to tell you that I would like to work for you full time this summer in the gardening project. Tony Schuerch, whom I worked with last year in the Marston Gardening project, recently advised me that you would be directing the program this year in the Bristol Bay Area. I believe that I can better perform this responsibility for you than anyone else.

Having worked with Tony Schuerch last year, I am already familiar with the gardening project. I spent much of my time in the Bristol Bay area, working in villages from Togiak to New Stuyahok. I already know people in these villages, therefore, my second year should be even more productive; I won't need to break as much ice in gaining the trust and friendship of the people I will be working with.

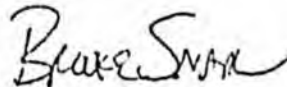
Having worked on the project, I understand the gardening methods that must be employed in Alaska. I know how to use and maintain the Troy-Bilt roto tillers that are in the villages. I am familiar with the living conditions that this job offers me as I work in the villages. In brief, I went through all the adjustments of a new job last year.

As you will notice from my enclosed resume, I am people oriented. My experience with the project last year gave me a great love for the native peoples of Alaska. I have a desire to help them and am convinced that the gardening project can and will do it. I am proud to be a part of it.

Please contact Tony Schuerch and ask him about my qualifications and character. I am sure that I am the man for the job. By the way, I am a student at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, and am available for work from May through August.

Thank you very much. If you would like to meet me personally, I will be at my Anchorage address over the Christmas season; otherwise, I am in Provo, Utah. Please advise me of your intentions.

Sincerely,



G. Brooke Snarr

Enclosure: Resume

G. Brooke Snarr

School Address
893 East 300 North
Provo, Utah 84601
Telephone: (801) 375-9105

Home Address
6410 Regent Drive
Anchorage, Alaska 99504
Telephone: 337-7020

PERSONAL

Age: 23
Marital Status: Single

Height: 5'9"
Weight: 140 lbs.
Health: Excellent

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

High School diploma, 1976. Skyline High School, Salt Lake City, Utah.
Honors: National Honor Society, 1976.

Letter in cross-country, 1976.

Extracurricular Activities: Eagle scout, 1973.

Played on school tennis and cross-country teams.
Chairman of an area youth committee devoted to service, recreation and personal development. This organization was comprised of about 1000 youth, 1976.

VOCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

1980 (Summer): Marston Gardening Project, Kotzebue, Alaska. I travelled through about 25 villages from Noatak to Dillingham teaching gardening skills.

1979 (Summer): Quality Control. St. Elias Osear Products, Cordova, Alaska. I supervised cannery sanitation and saw that canning procedures met FDA regulations.

1977 - 1979: Full-time two year missionary for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This was volunteer service without pay.

REFERENCES

Personal: Perry Green, David Green Furs, 130 West 4th Ave., Anchorage, Alaska. Phone: 277-9595.

Leo Douglas, 4656 Fortuna Way, Salt Lake City, Utah 84117.
Phone: (801) 277-7275.

Vocational: Tony Schuorch, P.O. Box 606, Kotzebue, Alaska 99752.
Phone: 442-3272.

APR 4 1979 EBOA

Box 122
Togiak, Ak. 99678
March 31, 1979

Dear BBNHC:

We thought we heard it mentioned on the radio that a gardening expert would be available for interested villages. If this is not the right organization, please pass this letter over to the right people - BBNA? Anyway, Togiak School has a horticulture class and a green house and we would be delighted to have an expert out to help us in these areas.

Let us know how to apply for this help.

Sincerely,

June Cherry

ILIAMNA VILLAGE COUNCIL

ILIAMNA, ALASKA 99606

Bristol Bay Native Association
c/o Patty Beck
P.O. Box 237
Dillingham, Alaska 99576

November 20, 1980

Dear Ms. Beck,

We greatly appreciate the seeds and fertilizer that you gave to Iliamna Village Council. They were very much enjoyed by people who grew a garden. I would like some information, do you know if there will be a similar program next year and will there be a rototiller available for the people to make larger gardens?

Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,

Ethel Adcox
Ethel Adcox
V.C. secretary

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TOGIAK CITY COUNCIL

P. O. Box 99 • Togiak, Alaska 99678

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April 16, 1979

Patty Beck, Administrative Assistant
Bristol Bay Native Association
P.O. Box 179
Dillingham, Alaska 99576

Dear Ms. Beck:

Thank you for your letter about the gardening project, and the information leaflet that you sent us.

Your letter had been discussed at our council meeting. So I was advised to write to you that we are interested in planting workshop. Also quite a few other people said they would be interested in this gardening project.

In the meantime your efforts in keeping us informed will be appreciated. Thank you.

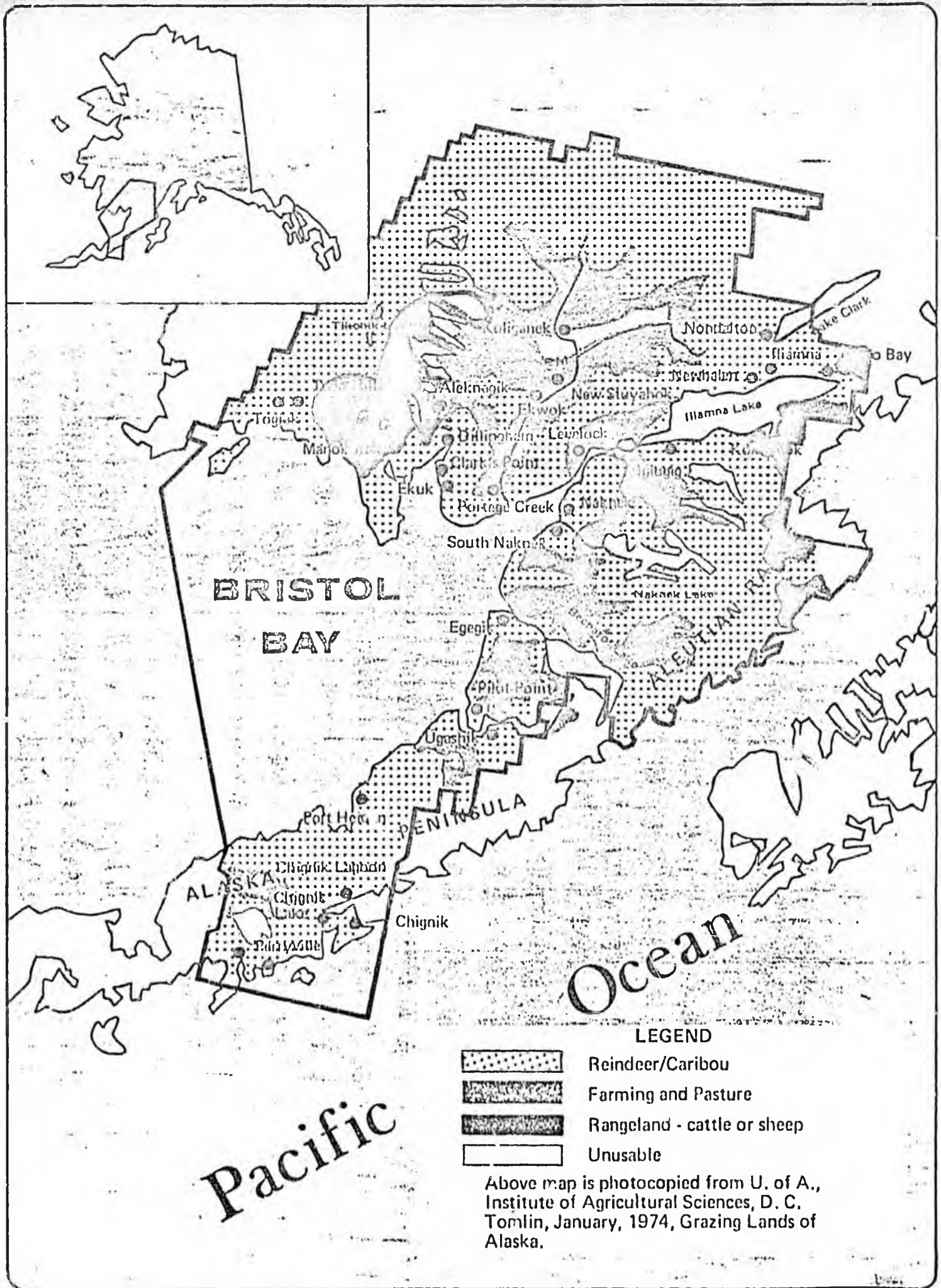
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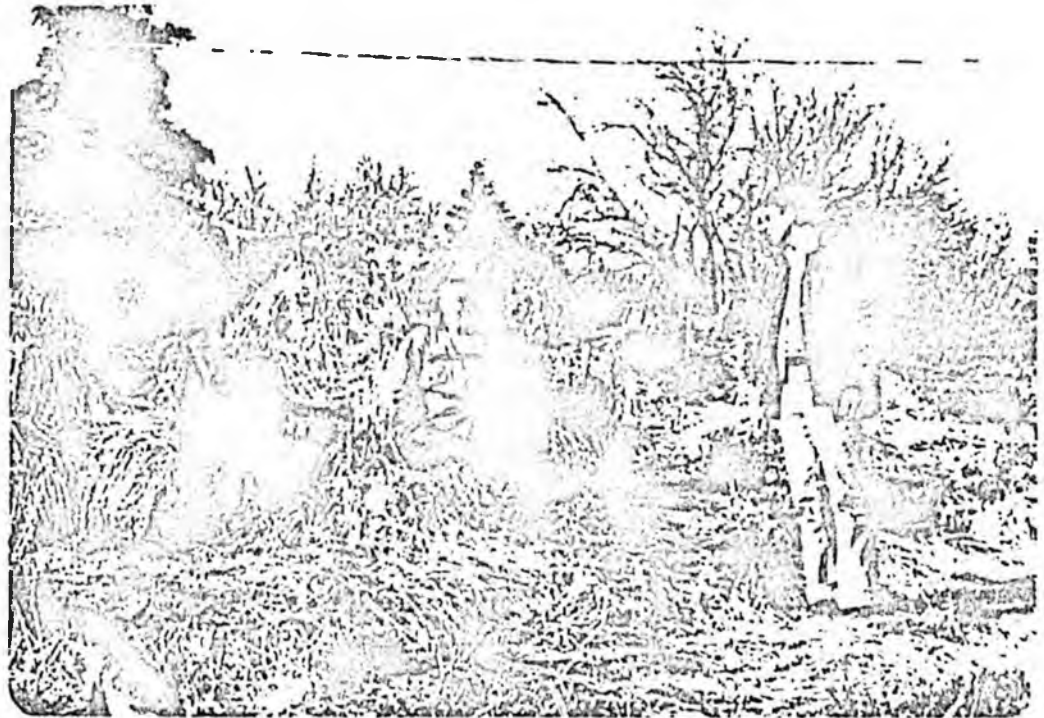
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Andrew Franklin

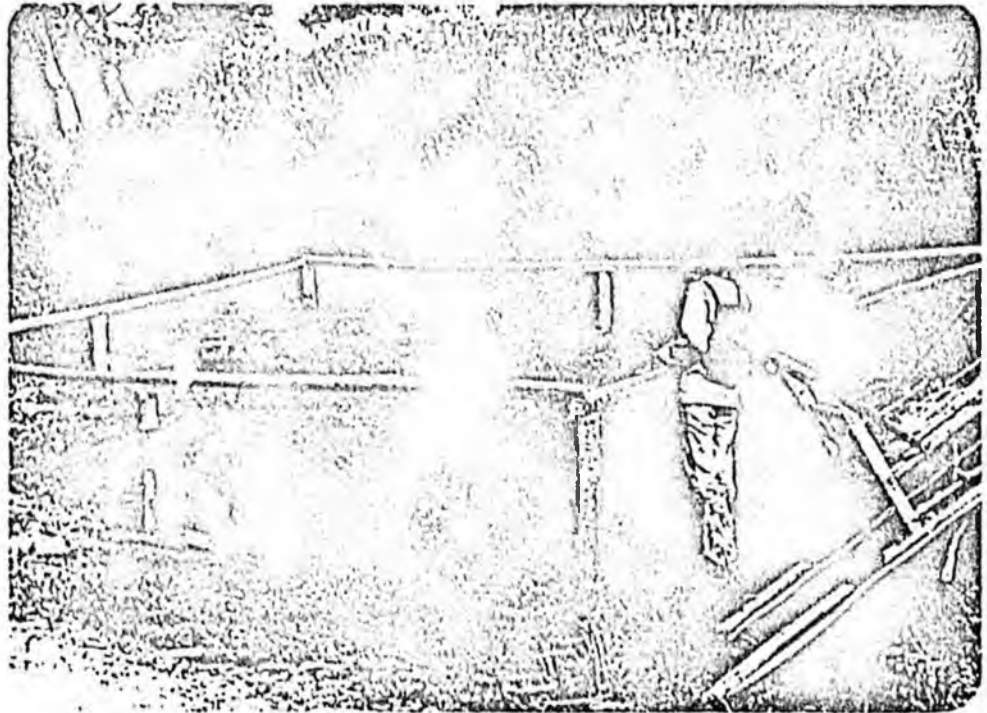
Andrew Franklin
President

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Mr. Tony Schuerch of Marston Gardening Project consulting with Mr. Billy Hurley, Sr. of Ekwok before garden is grown.



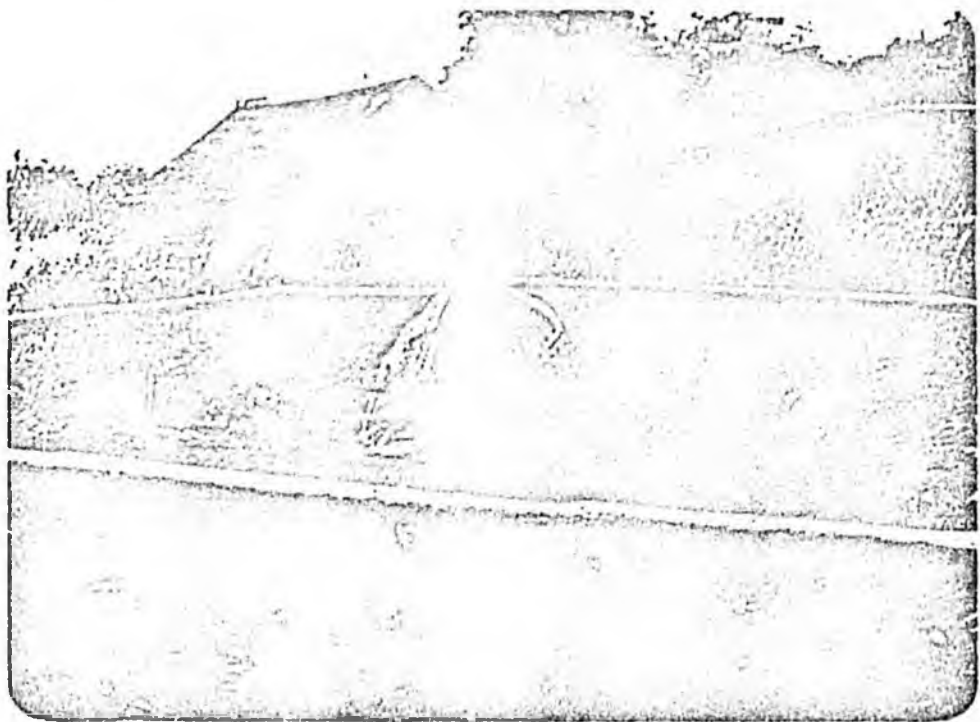
Picture reveals how garden has turned out where Mr. Schuerch consulted with Mr. Hurley.



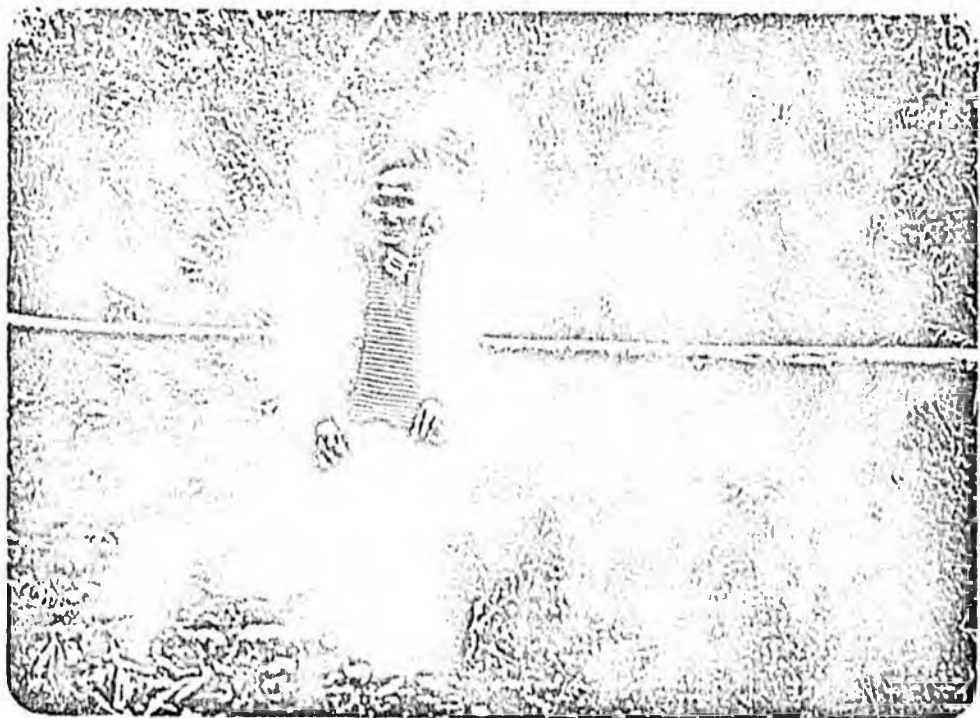
Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hurley of Ekwok show turnips grown in their gardens, along with Patty Beck, formerly of the BBNA who worked closely with the Marston Gardening Project in Bristol Bay.



Mr. Fred Hurley's garden of Ekwok located near the Nushagak River.



Mrs. Fred Hurley's garden in Ekwok.



Mrs. Billy Hurley's garden in Ekwok.

THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWELFTH LEGISLATURE

FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No. SB 370
 Title A special appropriation to DC&RA for Bristol Bay Nat've Assoc. Gardening Project.
 Requested by Senate Resources Date May 18, 1981

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected Department of Community and Regional Affairs
 Program Category Affected Development
 BRU, Program, or Subprogram(s) Affected Local Government Assistance
 (Note: If more than one budget component is affected, separate line-item amounts and funding for each component in the analysis section.)

EXPENDITURES (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 81	FY 82	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86
100 PERSONAL SERVICES		-0-				
200 TRAVEL		-0-				
300 CONTRACTUAL		-0-				
400 COMMODITIES		-0-				
500 EQUIPMENT		-0-				
600 LAND & STRUCTURES		-0-				
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.		-0-				
TOTAL		-0-				

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND		-0-				
FEDERAL FUNDS		-0-				
OTHER (Specify Fund Source)		-0-				

POSITIONS

FULL TIME		-0-				
PART TIME						
TEMPORARY						

III. ANALYSIS (See Fiscal Note Preparation Instructions, Section III)

No administrative costs assuming that existing Department of Community and Regional Affairs Legislative Grant administrative positions remain in Governor's FY 82 budget.

Section 37.05.315(e) requires that all Legislative grants to non-profit organizations be made through a request for proposal process. The department shall contract with the named recipient unless the Office of the Governor, with due regard for any local expertise or experience among those making proposals, determines that an award of the contract to a different party would better serve the public.

IV. DATE May 18, 1981

PREPARED BY McKie Campbell
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Original: Legislative Finance
 cc: Budget and Management
 Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named)