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Member Rob Ham on Delta Bison trip

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AOC Annual Meeting

Don't be left out!

This is your last reminder for the AOC Annual Meeting in Anchorage April 7-10th, 2005!

The Alaska Outdoor Council will hold its 2005 Annual Meeting and Conference in Anchorage, Alaska April 7-10 2005 at the Hawthorne Suites, 1110 West 8th Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99501. This will be an opportunity for all members to affect the shape of our organization and interact with our board, staff, and special presenters. You can make your reservations at the Hawthorne Suites by calling (907) 222-5005 or log onto their website at <http://www.hawthorn.com/> Alaska Airlines will be offering a 10% discount to all our members traveling to the event from anywhere in the state. Call the Alaska Airlines Group Desk at 1-800-445-4435, our confirmation code is CMR7664.

Registration is open to individuals as well as Club Delegates.

Member Clubs are responsible for updating their information to our home office regarding current officers and contact information.

The Great Alaska Sportsman's Show will be taking place at the Sullivan Arena during these dates as well. Volunteer now to work the booth! Volunteers will receive free admission to the show, free parking, an AOC hat & five tickets in our raffle for each shift that you work. You may come early or stay after your shift to enjoy the show. We will plan for two people in the booth on each shift. All you need is enthusiasm for the AOC, and a friendly personality.

We will be selling raffle tickets for a Ruger M77 SS .338 Mag w/Leupold 3-9 Scope. and AOC memberships. Go to our web page to read up on our issues. Contact Susan Grasser at akflygal@alaska.net or (907)745-3772 or Jennifer Yuhás at aoc@alaska.net, (907)455-4262.

Just look at our exciting program:

Thursday April 7th

7:00 AM Welcome Reception and Registration / Delegate Certification

Friday April 8th

8:00 AM Registration Delegate Certification
9:00 AM Warren Olson - Bondurant Case
10:00 AM Will Sherman - Update Manning Case
10:30 AM Rod Arno - Update Tier II and Board of Game
11:30 AM ADF&G Q&A with Wayne Regelin , Kelly Hepler and Matt Robus
12:30 AM LUNCH - with Regional VPs and AOC Officers to discuss issues
1:30 AM Shann Jones - Fly Fishing Educational Opportunities in AK
2:00 AM State and Federal Issues
3:00 AM Enjoy the Great Alaska Sportsman's Show!

Saturday April 9th

8:00 AM Registration
9:00 AM Overview of Annual Meeting: AOC
9:10 AM Open General Business Meeting: Certify Club Delegates / Elect Delegates at Large / Notify Open AOC Board Positions and introduce candidates / Accept Nominees for Open Board Positions from the floor / recess general business meeting.
10:00 AM Convene Committee of the Whole: Dick Bishop Reports: Membership, Finance, Alaska Trust Fund, AOC - PAC, Access
12:00 AM LUNCH: AOC Endowment Fund
1:00 AM Reports: Wildlife, BOG, Fisheries, BOF, Legislative Issues, Member Club Issues,
3:00 AM Close Committee of the Whole
6:30 AM Awards Banquet

Sunday April 10th

9:00 AM Re-Convene Committee of the Whole: Dick Bishop Approval of 2004 Annual Meeting Minutes, Vote on Resolutions / Bylaws / Policies, establish AOC's 2005 Legislative Priorities, Elect AOC Board Members to vacant positions, Determine time and place of 2006 Annual Meeting
Adjourn General Business Meeting

*Meeting of the Alaska Trust Fund Board of Trustees meeting and elections - immediately following conclusion of AOC Annual Meeting.

*AOC Board of Directors Meeting - Immediately following above.

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AOC to replace burned Ice Houses

By Jennifer Yuhas, AOC Executive Director

This spring, arsonists visited the Chena Lakes Park near Fairbanks, AK and burned five Ice Houses. Two of those Ice Houses were public rentals owned by the Fairbanks North Star Borough, which had been built with federal sport fish restoration funds, and donated to the borough nearly ten years ago by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. Many interior families enjoyed the use of this low cost public recreational opportunity. And let's face it, when it's 40 below, there's only so many ways for a family to enjoy the great outdoors!

The Alaska Outdoor Council In conjunction with the Alaska Department of Fish & Game, The Tanana Valley Sportsmen, The Midnight Sun Fly Casters Association, and The Aurora Borealis Rotaract Club

will be rebuilding the Chena Lakes Public Ice Houses that were destroyed by vandals in March of 2005. In fact we'll be replacing the 2 we lost with 4 new ones!

You Can Help!

The Alaska Outdoor Council is proud to take the lead on this project in accordance with our mission to "Protect Our Outdoor Heritage, and Provide for Our Outdoor Future".

Financial contributions may be made to the Alaska Fish & Wildlife Conservation Fund, and are 501(C)3 deductible. All contributors will be recognized in the AOC Quarterly Newsletter and will receive recognition for their assistance.

House Sponsor:

For \$4,000 you can sponsor one fully replaced Ice House. Your company name or logo alone will be displayed on the house

Wall Sponsor:

For \$1,000 you can sponsor the wall of our new Ice Houses. Your company name or logo will be displayed outside along with the other contributors.

Contributions of any size will assist this project!

This is a terrific opportunity to show the vandals that our community values our fishing heritage and supports family values. We need to preserve opportunities like this to introduce our younger generation to wholesome activities such as fishing and hunting.

130 lbs. of fish caught on New Year's Day



Owen Henry Swanton caught this 11½ lb. pike



President's Report

Change

by Dick Bishop



It's funny how we as people view and react to changes, or the prospect of changes, in our lives.

Sometimes we feel like we really need a change from the ordinary - a change of pace; a change of scene; a change of work; a new challenge. We see change as the way to improve our lives, or at least our outlook. Usually these ideas for change are our own, and they are something we can do ourselves.

At other times we see change as a threat. It seems like when we see change as a threat, it's someone else's idea. Or, it might be no one's idea, but looks so powerful that we can't see any good way to deal with it as individuals.

On a smaller scale the threat of a potential change often gets a similar reaction. A "change" is often immediately labeled as bad by those who don't like it.

When the Board of Game approved wolf control on a small percentage of Alaska's lands, some declared the "change" a recipe for disaster, a certain failure, and a threat to everything from wildlife habitat to the big game that wolf control is supposed to help. A hard look at history and reality tells me that this proposed "change" is not the dire threat it's claimed to be. Instead, it offers significant benefits for people and various predators and scavengers.

Another "change" that some view as a threat is ensuring public access to lands and waters. Alaska has hundreds or thousands of trails established years ago by public uses. Today those trails can be (and many already are) legally recognized as public access, called RS 2477 right-of ways. Due to huge changes in land ownership as a result of various federal laws passed since Statehood, RS 2477 trails are one of the very few remaining options for access to and through large blocks of federal and private lands for traditional

activities such as fishing, hunting and trapping, as well as for tourism, mining, or other development. People -and some federal agencies - who don't like such uses don't want RS 2477 trails legally

recognized and made available for public use. The State is seeking ways to facilitate recognition of RS 2477 trails by the federal government.

A similar situation pertains to State navigable waters. Federal agencies have grossly over-reached the interpretation of in which waters they have legal authority to regulate certain uses. The State has challenged the federal interpretation in court.

Meanwhile, "change", undertaken by people as they see the need or opportunity, is going on across Alaska. The result is that most

Alaskans, be they rural or urban, Native or non-Native, are active participants in the cash economy. The traditional values of those of us who fish, hunt and trap are still essential to our lifestyles and cultures, but differences among us in what we depend on for a living diminish daily.

It's about time to re-examine why the federal rural subsistence priority law should be allowed to discriminate unfairly among us. The State has not tackled that one recently, but should.

It's a good time to let Governor Murkowski and the Legislature know that "change" from the Knowles administration's direction on many of these issues is appreciated - and that there's more to be done!

Dick Bishop



Friends of NRA Gives Out \$80,000 in Grants

Although some of my volunteer committee members may beg to differ with me, putting together a Friends of NRA banquet/fund-raiser can be a lot of fun. However, the most exciting part of our yearly activities involves giving grant money out to different groups involved in Alaska's shooting sports. This year's exercise was no different as the State Fund Committee gave out almost \$80,000 to worthy causes throughout Alaska.

This year, sixteen different Friends of NRA Committees from Ketchikan to Nome sent a delegate to the State Fund Committee meeting. After an initial discussion setting up new guidelines to hand out "the booty", the Committee got down to business and funded a number of worthwhile projects. As usual the Committee gave a lot of attention to projects that encouraged young Alaskans and women to become involved in the shooting sports.

The really terrific thing about the Friends of NRA Program is that it allows a large variety of groups to get involved in raising much needed funds for their own uses while also helping fund important projects throughout the nation. It is this kind of "big picture" approach that makes it so appealing to somebody like myself who has traveled extensively around the state, and who has worked for years to preserve the rights of Alaska's outdoor recreationists.

After watching the State Fund Committee grow into their job over the past four years, I believe that they too are looking out for the interests of most Alaskans. From making sure important local projects get funding, like the youth shooting programs in Delta, Kodiak or Anchorage, to ensuring the future of Alaska's shooting sports by funding projects such as 4-H shooting sports and Becoming an Outdoors Woman, Alaska's State Fund Committee is doing a great job.

At this point I would like to thank those groups who have volunteered to make this effort a huge success. They are much too numerous to list in this short article, but those Alaskans who have taken the time out of their busy schedules to volunteer on a Friends Banquet deserve much more than our thanks, they deserve every bit of praise we can heap upon them. For it can truly be said that they are paving the way for the

future. A future we will all benefit from. So the next time you here that there is going to be a Friends of NRA banquet in your town, and you would like to know how to make sure your kids, and your grandkids will have the privileges you enjoyed, do yourself a favor and volunteer to help out.

You can find out more by calling Eddie at (907) 745-6166 or emailing him at mtman@alaska.net.

AOC Lobbyist Report

by Jeff Logan

As expected, a number of proposals relating to hunting, fishing, access and wildlife management have been introduced in the new legislature. Our old friend (and new legislator) Mike Kelly (R) Fairbanks started things off with HB 75, a bill to preserve and promote sport hunting in the state. AOC supports this bill and the philosophy behind it ^ that hunting is a proud part of our heritage. Representative Ralph Samuels has re-introduced the bill he sponsored last year to re-establish the state guide board. The new number is HB 76. With strong support from the guiding industry HB 76 has already passed two committees.

Current state law says that if someone gets in the way of you hunting or fishing you can sue. Rep. Jay Ramras has introduced HB 107, a bill that says if you do sue, you get full actual attorney,s fees and costs. Scott Ogan introduced this bill last year but it didn,t go anywhere. We,re glad to see Jay take another shot at this one. Ralph Seekins is back, trying to open up the land along the Dalton Highway. His SB 85 repeals the law that says no ATV,s within 5 miles of the Dalton Highway corridor. AOC supports his efforts to do so.

There are a number of other issues—bear predation management, Chitina access, increased hunting and fishing license fees—that we expect to be before the legislature soon. Watch for action alerts and other messages on issues before the legislature; part of what makes AOC an effective organization is members calling in to testify on issues important to them.

Youth Hunter Education Challenge

Alaska's First Annual Youth Hunter Education Challenge will take place in Fairbanks, AK June 3-5!

AOC Member Club AIM-COMM, short for the Alaska Interior Marksmanship Committee, is responsible for organizing this event. Joe Nava is the event chair and can be reached at (907) 479-2340 in Fairbanks. Interested members may also find information online at www.aimcomm.org <<http://www.aimcomm.org>> .

YHEC is a program exclusively for hunter education course graduates from North America up to 19 years of age. The program provides them with the unique opportunity to test their skills at a variety of hunting techniques. From firing at life sized game targets with a rifle, bow, and muzzle-loader to participating in wildlife identification and a map and compass course, participants walk away with a appreciation of all methods of take and all types of game as they learn from top hunting educators!



Holly Handler with her first Caribou

Graduates of our hunter education programs enter the event as teams sponsored by organizations such as 4-H, Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts, or local sporting groups.

Events will include rifle and muzzle-loading, shotgun, archery, orienteering, wildlife identification, hunter safety trail and a hunter responsibility exam.

Top ranked individuals advance to the annual NRA International Youth Hunter Education Challenge, the pinnacle of the program. Since its inception in 1985, YHEC has reached more than a million young sportsmen and women.

The Alaska Outdoor Council is proud to contribute to this event financially through our Hunter Heritage Foundation. Several AOC members are also volunteering for this event.

This first year, the event will be limited to ten teams. Applications can be found online at www.aimcomm.org. E-mail inquiries may be sent to yehc@aimcomm.org. All YHEC sponsors will receive two tickets to the Sponsor Recognition Cruise on the Discovery II on the evening of June 4th.

Photograph by Tyson Fick

Spring Rifle Drawing

Get your tickets at the AOC Annual Meeting, The Great Alaska Sportsmen's Show, The Fairbanks Outdoor Show, or any other AOC event!

We're giving away a Ruger Model 77, Stainless and Laminate .338 Winchester Magnum with a Leupold 3X9 Variable Scope.... thanks to the folks at Alcan Builders: Jeff Alling and Scott Bothwell!

Tickets are 1 for \$5.00 or a book of 5 for \$20.00!

We'll do the drawing July 4th, 2005 in Fairbanks before the parade!



BANQUET SCHEDULE

Valdez - April 16, 2005

Don Haase

Juneau - April 22, 2005

Kathy McCasland Phone: 790-4957
mccaslandkathy@hotmail.com

Homer - April 30, 2005

Brad Kruger at 235-2139 or 299-0784
bronko77@hotmail.com

Visit the official website for more information

www.nraalaska.com

Comments Sought for New Parks Service Access Guide

Another opportunity for you to shape your outdoor future and protect your outdoor heritage appears below. The Alaska Outdoor Council encourages all of its members to participate in this process.

This document is the first of its kind, and upon completion, will likely be used as a guide for drafting similar documents for other FCSUs, so it's important for people to weigh in on this one so we get it right the first time

This document is a draft and that constructive criticism and comments are encouraged.

Don't let your silence be viewed as compliance. Review this document and submit your comments as users of the resource.

Alaska National Parks News Release Alaska National Park Access Guide Available for Review

Within Alaska's national park units, there are more than 1.6 million acres of land owned by private individuals and corporations, the state of Alaska and local governments. These owners and other valid occupants are entitled to adequate and feasible access to their property, but the process of obtaining legal access across public land has never been well described in a single document.

Today, the Alaska Region of the National Park Service is releasing for public review a draft user's guide to help landowners and others understand the National Park Service process to authorize access across park areas. Four public meetings will be held to explain the guide and to take public comment; details on location and times are below.

Titled "A User's Guide to Accessing Inholdings in a National Park Service Area in Alaska," the 22-page draft document is an outcome of conversations held last year among U.S. Department of the Interior Secretary Gale Norton, Alaska Governor Frank Murkowski, and NPS Alaska Regional Director Marcia Blaszak. The NPS consulted with state officials during preparation of the document.

The draft describes how landowners and valid occupants can secure rights under Section 1110(b) of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA). This section addresses motorized access to inholdings, as well as access that would require improvements such as construction or maintenance of a road, power line, or landing strip, or similar undertakings on publicly owned park land. Access by airplane, boat, snowmachine and various methods of non-motorized travel not requiring improvements generally does not require a permit.

"This authorization process allows the National Park Service and other agencies which manage public resources -- things like salmon streams, wildlife habitat, historical sites-- and other public uses, to protect those public assets. At the same time, we are meeting the unique provisions in law to provide access to non-federal lands within parks," said Blaszak.

"Not only will the user's guide help landowners understand what is required of them, it will help park managers provide consistent information to people seeking access," said Sally Gibert, the State of Alaska's ANILCA coordinator. "The state encourages Alaskans to review the guide to insure that it accomplishes the NPS objectives of clarity, accuracy and sound public policy."

In particular, the National Park Service is interested in public comments on a proposed cost structure which includes an application fee and the reimbursement of some NPS costs, and a land rental fee for commercial operations.

Public comment will be accepted for 90 days, through May 13, 2005. To download the document for review, go to the following website: <http://park-planning.nps.gov/> and select the link "Plans/Documents Open for Comment" located at the lower left corner of the page. From the following "Plan/Document List" select the link "A User's Guide to Accessing Inholdings in a National Park Service Area in Alaska." Copies of the guide are may be requested by writing Regional Director, National Park Service, 240 W. 5th Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99501.

ALASKA OUTDOOR COUNCIL 2005 ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION

HOTEL REGISTRATION

You can make your reservations at the Hawthorne Suites by calling (907) 222-5005 or log onto their website at <http://www.hawthorn.com/>
Room rate is \$75.00 per night, breakfast is included.

Yes, I have called and made reservations at the Hawthorne Suites

AIRLINE REGISTRATION

Alaska Airlines is offering a 10% discount from anywhere in Alaska to Anchorage for the convention. Call the Group Desk at 1-800-455-4435. Confirmation # is CMR-7664

Yes, I have called and made reservations with Alaska Airlines to Anchorage

ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION

Yes, I will be attending the 2005 Annual Meeting in Anchorage

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

I would like to pre-pay for the following items:

- Saturday April 9th, AOC Awards Banquet (\$40 or \$75 for 2) \$ _____
- \$30 Registration Fee (required). \$ 30
- \$50 Club Membership (club must be current for delegate to attend) \$ _____
- I will not be attending but would like to renew our Club's membership. \$ _____
- I will not be attending but would like to make a donation. \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Mail to:

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Fairbanks, AK 99707

ALASKA OUTDOOR COUNCIL 2005 DELEGATE CERTIFICATION

(Club Name) _____

Will send a Voting delegate Will send a Proxy delegate Will not send a delegate.

Voting Delegate Certification:

This certifies that the individuals named below are authorized to represent our organization at the 2005 AOC Annual Meeting. One delegate per Member Club. If your Member Club cannot send a delegate, please designate a proxy delegate under "Proxy Delegate Certification" below.

Primary Delegate Name: _____

Alternate Delegate Name: _____

Proxy Delegate Certification:

The undersigned hereby acknowledges receipt of the Notice of the 2005 AOC Annual Meeting and thereby appoints the Proxy Delegate named below with full power of substitution to appear and to vote at the 2005 AOC Annual Meeting. Proxy Delegates must be submitted in writing to the AOC offices at least one week prior to the Annual Meeting. This proxy shall expire pending completion of the Annual Meeting.

Proxy Delegate Name: _____

X _____
Signature of current club officer Printed Name and Title Date

AOC Board of Directors:

We recommend the following individual(s) for election to the AOC Board of Directors. Nominations will go to the Nominations Committee for submission to the Delegates during the 2005 Annual Meeting.

1) _____ 2) _____

3) _____ 4) _____

X _____
Signature of current club officer Printed Name and Title Date

Member Club Issues: We want annual meeting participants to discuss the following issues:

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

DELEGATE DUTIES:

1. Article 9, Section 1 of the Bylaws states, "each Member Club shall be represented on the Council by an official Delegate selected by the member body for that purpose."
2. Elect AOC Board of Directors, vote on AOC Resolutions, Policies, and By-Law changes.
3. Review and recommend changes to AOC annual operations,
4. Decide time and location for 2006 Annual Meeting.
5. Inform member groups of Council actions and work with Action Committees (Article 5, Section 7)

Mail completed certification to:

Alaska Outdoor Council, PO Box 73902 Fairbanks, AK 99701

Banquet Chairs Needed

Most of our members are aware that the Alaska Outdoor Council was founded as a volunteer organization.

The majority of our fundraising comes through our annual regional Auction-Banquets.

There are currently two openings for Auction Chairs!

The Alaska Outdoor Council sincerely thanks Dick and Mary Bishop in Fairbanks and Ron and Jan Somerville along with Mal Linthwaite in Juneau, for their many years of service to the organization through chairing their local banquets. However, they are ready to pass the torch. Now is the perfect time for you to make a difference and get involved on a whole new level. Contact the AOC office today to volunteer - we can't do it without you!



Bill Hall and a 46 lb. lunker at Montana Creek

Board of Game

The Alaska Outdoor Council continues to have input to the Alaska Board of Game meetings. Come to the Annual Meeting or check the next newsletter for a more detailed update. In the mean time, contact your local Advisory Committee to the Boards of Fish & Game. By attending meetings regularly and offering your input, you can have a tremendous impact on the direction of discussions and outcome of decisions made at these meetings. Find it all on line including the next schedule and proposal packets at:

www.boards.adfg.state.ak.us

<<http://www.boards.adfg.state.ak.us>>

Would you like to assist the AOC in reviewing the proposal books for either board? We'd be more than happy to have the help! E-mail us today at aoc@alaska.net!

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Volunteer Opportunities

The Alaska Outdoor Council is a grass roots advocacy organization. We were founded as a volunteer organization, and continue to be so today.

Our active members know that the best way to get the most of their membership is to participate in association events.

Every member has an opportunity to participate in any of the several activities that strengthen our membership, advocate our positions, support our organization, and train the next generation of outdoorsmen and women.

Mark your calendars for the following fun filled opportunities:

April 7-10 - Great Alaska Sportsmen's Show - Sullivan Arena Anchorage - AOC Booth - Contact Susan Grasser - akflygal@alaska.net or (907) 457-4107

April 22-24 - Fairbanks Outdoor Show - Carlson Center Fairbanks - AOC Booth and speakers - Contact AOC - aoc@alaska.net or (907) 455-4262

May 21st - Kids Fish & Game Fun Day - AOC Booth in Fairbanks - Contact AOC office aoc@alaska.net

June 3-5 - NRA Youth Hunter Education Challenge - Fairbanks - Contact Joe Nava - (907) 479-2340 www.aimcomm.org <<http://www.aimcomm.org>>

June 4th - Annual Birchwood Youth Firearms Safety Education Day - Contact the Alaska Gun Collectors Association 907-346-1075 webmaster@agca.net

4th of July Parade - Palmer - Contact Susan Grasser at akflygal@alaska.net

We can always use volunteers to serve on the following committees:

Access • Membership • Policies/ Resolutions / By-laws • Finance • Fisheries • Wildlife

Habitat • Federal Issues • Fundraising • Strategic Planning and Education



Member Yukon Grubaugh, near Cantwell, August 2004

Stay off the tracks

If you snowmachine, ski, hike or walk on railroad tracks, you're taking your life in your hands. Don't take the chance. Stay out of danger. Stay off the tracks.

A public safety message from the Alaska Railroad.

Bullets & Bites

Don't be left out!

A lot can happen between newsletters!

Have you been receiving the latest news?

Make sure we have your current contact information

e-mail the office at aoc@alaska.net.

National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF) is forming a new chapter in Alaska, contact Dean Owen in Fairbanks at 458-7380

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alaskaoutdoorcouncil.org

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ABATE of Alaska	Anchorage
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Alaska Boating Association	Anchorage
Alaska Competitive Shooters Org.	Fairbanks
Alaska Falconers Association	Juneau
Alaska Frontier Trappers Association	Palmer
Alaska Gun Collectors Association, Inc.	Anchorage
Alaska Interior Marksmanship Committee	Fairbanks
Alaska Rifle Club	Eagle River
Alaska State Snowmobile Association	Anchorage
Alaska Waterfowl Association	Anchorage
Alaskan Bowhunters Association	Anchorage
Anchorage Snowmobile Club	Anchorage
Blacksheep Bowmen	Elmendorf
Chitina Dipnetters Association	Fairbanks
Chugach Range Riders	Palmer
Clear Sky Sportsmen's Club	Clear
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Cook Inlet Sportfishing Caucus	Wasilla
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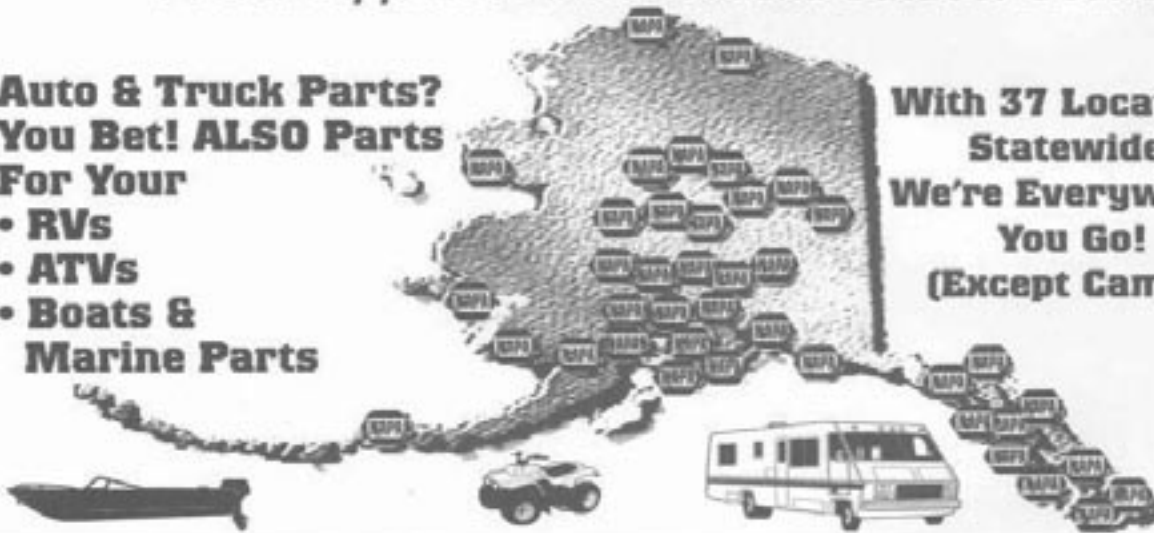


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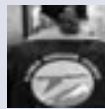
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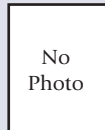
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