

We received word in October that our half-time, GS-9 refuge operations specialist position, which is dedicated to environmental education and village relations, was approved as a project for funding in FY-94. ROS Beverly Skinner will continue in this position via an extension of her term appointment. Beverly's contribution to this program component has been invaluable and we are greatly relieved that she will be able to continue her work.



Biological Technician Ed Mallek preparing the boat motors for the field season. (RA 8/93)

The selection of Edward Mallek to fill a new permanent (NTE nine months) biological technician position was approved by the Regional Office effective February 22. Ed had worked for us previously, both as a refuge volunteer and seasonal biological science aid. Ed has a variety of skills which make him well suited for this dual function biological/maintenance position. His selection should result in some much needed continuity in our field program. He was recruited from an Office of Personnel Management (OPM) register for which there were 87 applicants!

Arrangements were made in July to detail Biological Aid Marcus Bradely from the Division of Research to Innoko NWR for the remainder of the field season. Marcus's extensive equipment and facility maintenance experience was used to shorten our backlog of maintenance projects, and to assist in preparing the field headquarters for winter.