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ALASKA NATIVE ENROLLMENT REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

Regulations governing the enrollment of persons under the amended Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act were published today in the Federal Register, Commissioner of Indian Affairs Morris Thompson announced today.

The Settlement Act was amended by legislation enacted January 2, 1976, which reopened the rolls for a period of one year for those persons who missed the original enrollment deadline of March 30, 1973.

Alaska Natives will receive 40 million acres of land and almost one billion dollars under the provisions of the Settlement Act, signed into law December 18, 1971.

Eligibility for enrollment was not changed by the amending legislation. In general, the requirements are that a person be at least one quarter degree Alaska Indian, Eskimo, or Aleut blood -- or a combination thereof -- and living on December 18, 1971.

Persons seeking to enroll should write to Enrollment Coordinator, Pouch 7-1971, Anchorage, Alaska 99501. Information or assistance can also be obtained by contacting any Bureau of Indian Affairs office or any of the Alaska Regional Corporations.

The enrollment regulations are now effective.

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