

1990 AFN Convention



The Alaska Federation of Natives 1990 Convention was a time for getting together with friends and relatives, discussing issues important to the Alaska Native community and celebrating Alaska Native traditions. It was also a time to honor a number of Alaska Natives. Above, top left, Billy and Elizabeth Sheldon of Noorvik hold their award after being named the 1990 AFN Parents of the Year. The parents of nine children, they have worked to instill in their children a deep appreciation of their Inupiat culture and language, while stressing the importance of a formal education. Other photos, top row from left, include Katherine Joe with children, Ralph, 4, and Nicole, 3, from Hooper Bay, taking a break between sessions. Lucy Beaver of Bethel sold handmade fur hats, gloves and slippers during the convention; and Dan Paak of Manokotak holds his 18-month-old daughter Betty as they browsed through the arts and crafts tables. Center photos include, at right, Ole Agwiak, left, of Mountain Village, and John Riley of Pitka's Point, listening to a panel discussion; and far right, Jamie Leask, AFN past president, presents the President's Awards for Small Business to Walter and Minnie Morris of Noorvik, who operate the Morris Trading Post. Photos below, gubernatorial candidates Tony Knowles, left, and Wally Hickel offer their views; gubernatorial candidate Arliss Sturgulewski answers a question during the forum moderated by Byron Mallott; and Jim Evans and Pamela Tom of Bethel listen to the keynote address.



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