

Think about it . . .

"...Ironically, the ideological argument used to deny the unique political status of Alaska Natives is premised on the notion of 'equality.' Those who are opposed to the special political status of Alaska Natives proclaim that their rights are violated, and they strenuously and righteously argue for equality. It is not lost on us that they scream and holler for equality when they want our fish and resources, but they turn their heads to overlook the inequities in our social, economic, and political status and watch the widening schism between the status of Native and non-Native people. They opposed our sovereign status, but they willingly accept and benefit from the near \$400 million and job opportunities brought into the State annually because of the special political status of Native people. We must challenge these ideological contradictions."

~Rosita Worl

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