

# Sackett AFN, Inc. Chrm.

## *Cook Inlet Regional Returns to AFN*

The Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc. board of directors meeting in Anchorage June 4 and 5 elected a new chairman; re-seated the Cook Inlet Regional Corporation; discussed strategy relating to possible suits on the Department of the Interior's land selection regulations; and endorsed a re-organization of the internal structure of the federation.

John Sackett, president of Doyon, Limited was elected chairman of the AFN, Inc. board. Mr. Sackett replaces

Robert Nick, who resigned from the board due to pressing business in his own region.

Mr. Andrew Johnson, president of the Cook Inlet Regional Corporation was seated as that Corporation's representative on the board.

Mr. Johnson said: "I am glad to have Cook Inlet back in AFN, and we will do our best to work for unity for Natives throughout the state."

It was agreed that all regions

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considering legal action as a result of the land selection regulations published on May 29 by the Department of the Interior would keep AFN and the other regions advised of their actions.

The major problem areas in the land selection regulations are the requirement that regional corporations select a minimum

of one township blocks and also the requirement that village and regions select all non-navigable waters which is less than one-half of a section.

The AFN board endorsed the structure with the changes proposed at the last meeting, which include setting up a human resources committee to review and

give direction to AFN's social programs.

In summing up the meeting, president of AFN, Willie Hensley stated:

"The return of Cook Inlet to the federation and the agreement that regions will coordinate their legal actions in regard to land selection regulations is

further evidence of the unity of the Alaska Natives.

"It is very important that Alaska Natives and the regional corporations stick together or they may be eliminated one by one because of all the major issues that we are facing during the implementation stages of the claims act."