Native Task Force to Meet Next Monday

A task force composed of one representative from each of the 12 regional areas defined in the claims settlement act will meet in Anchorage Feb. 7 to determine the future of the Alaska Federation of Natives.

AFN, established primarily to pursue a land claims settlement, must now be redefined in terms of the role it is to play in the

post-settlement era.

According to a spokesman for AFN in Anchorage, the 12 regional organizations are now in the process of selecting representatives for the task force.

Following their meeting in Anchorage, members of the task force will meet with Harrison Loesch, Assistant Secretary for the Department of Interior, who will be in Anchorage on Feb. 8 and 9 to confer with native leaders on such matters as the transfer of public lands under the claims settlement act.