

# Seward, Other Cities Included In Land Claims

(From Seward Phoenix Log)

The cities of Seward, Cordova, Whittier and Valdez have been included in a 17,000 square mile chunk of Alaska which was claimed by the natives who belong to the Chugach Native Association.

The filing lays claim to the southern tip of the Kenai Peninsula and the area bordering on the Prince William Sound. It also lays claim to the underlying offshore ocean floor, which could prove highly significant to petroleum operations, if upheld by the courts.

The native group claims that its members constitute an identifiable group which has inhabited the area since time immemorial.

The claim was filed by the firm of McCutcheon, Groh and Benkert by members of the Association and the villages of Tatitlek, Port Graham, and English Bay.