

Justice Goldberg Meeting with AFN Board Members

The Governor's full land claims task force is slated to meet today, Friday morning, in Anchorage with Justice Arthur Goldberg who has indicated strong interest in working with the Alaska Federation of Natives in efforts to resolve the native land claims.

The native leadership thinks that meeting with Goldberg will be to finalize Goldberg's intention to work with the native

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people.

Justice Goldberg is also slated to address the annual Alaska Press Club Man of the Year Awards banquet to be held tomorrow in the Anchorage-Westward Hotel ballroom.

Emil Notti, president of the AFN, told Tundra Times last week that Goldberg is expected to prominently mention the Alaska native land claims problem in his address.

The former U.S. Supreme Court Justice and former United States Ambassador will be introduced to the audience by Secretary of the Interior Walter J. Hickel who is also former Governor of Alaska.

The land claims task force will also be wrestling to smoothe over some of the differences that might exist among different regional native organizations in connection with the land claims.

Today's meeting was termed important by the native leadership in that it must iron out differences so the native people can present a unified front during the coming land claims legislation in the Congress of the United States.

(Editor's Note: Emil Notti today said the initial meeting will be confined to the board of the Alaska Federation of Natives but that it can easily be switched to the land task force meeting as all members of the board are task force members.)

The meeting will begin at 2:00 p.m. at the Bureau of Indian Affairs Conference Room at the Kaloa Building, 1689 C Street in Anchorage.)