

# Letters from Here and There

## Lady Questions Salaries

March 30, 1974

Dear Mr. Rock:

I am surprised that no one has ever written about the subject that I want to present in this letter. But then perhaps you don't publish letters such as this in the Tundra Times.

Recently I received my check for \$181.53. I wasn't very impressed seeing as how the various directors of Doyon Limited and the Tanana Chiefs Conference are making salaries of \$22,000 and up plus their share of "our" money. This salary they are entitled to since they are doing their work and should be paid as executives are. What I don't understand is how a few of them can be state senators or representatives plus being on the board of directors and having so many other pies and getting paid a salary in the category of \$22,000 plus their jobs as directors. They must be making over \$50,000 a year! How can it be that they can do such good work in so many different areas all at the same time when they can't possibly have the time to do it?

I'd like to see the Tundra Times publish a list of our directors and how much they make on ALL their jobs and compare it to \$181.53. It seems they are the overseers of the non-Natives and are lining their pockets just as fast as they can in competition with the rest. If we are supposed to better ourselves, our living style and the way we are, how can we do it on \$181.53 while others are taking most of the cream with their combined salaries?

It's been six months since our family has been to town so the Tundra Times has been my only source of information on any Native action. With the exception of my annual report and proxy information I have never received any information on what "we" are doing as a people. You have a damn good paper Mr. Rock.

Sincerely,

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## Question of Navigable Waters

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Natural Resources

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Dear Mr. Herbert:

The deadline for final land selection is December 18, 1974, which gives us approximately nine months to make a final determination on the lands we will select. The State Department of Natural Resources, Division of Lands, has prepared a criteria for the designation of non-tidal navigable waters on lands involved in the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. As a result, "Water Delineation Plats" or maps have been prepared showing the waters designated by the State as navigable. Thus far, the project is far from complete because it does not include a designation of Solomon's and Council's withdrawal ten townships in King Island's deficiency; five

townships in Stebbins and St. Michael's withdrawal; three townships in Unalakleet's withdrawal and two townships in Shishmaref's withdrawal.

A call to the Division of Lands in Anchorage brought to my attention that higher priority is being placed on D-2 Lands. It was also indicated to me that there is not sufficient staff to concentrate on the preparation of the water delineation plats over land withdrawn for selection by Village and Regional Corporations.

The State has five years to make a determination on the lands they will select. The priorities should be reconsidered and the need for more staff should also be taken into consideration because it is crucial of the State to identify what they consider navigable on village lands before the land selection process is finalized.

This is just one Region out of twelve. What is the status of the other eleven?

Sincerely yours,  
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