

To over 6,000--

BSNC mails benefit checks

(FROM THE NOME NUGGET)

The Bering Straits Native Corp. has paid out more than \$1 million recently to its enrollees under terms of the Native Land Claims Act, Robbie Fagerstrom, an official of the corporation in charge of payment announced this week.

There were 6,340 eligible stockholders who benefitted to the tune of \$78.41 each. In addition, at large enrollees received payments of \$473.46

each.

He did not say how many of these there were. They are the Natives who lived out of the state but were former residents of the BSNC region.

They are those who will make up the 13th region when that is formally organized Feb. 1. Most of them live in the states of Washington, Oregon and California. They have no claim to Alaska land because of their residence elsewhere.