

Indigenous survival group plans Aug. 22-24 meeting

The Alaskan segment of Indigenous Survival International announced recently that Anchorage will host ISI's sixth annual assembly in August.

ISI members representing Native peoples from Arctic communities throughout Canada, Greenland and Alaska are expected to attend. Delegates from the Soviet Union and Scandinavia are being invited to join ISI and are expected at the August assembly.

The Sixth Annual Assembly of Indigenous Survival International will take place Aug. 22-24 at the Egan Convention Center. The agenda includes trapping and fur development, marine mammal issues, high seas fisheries, economic development and other issues.

"We're looking forward to the Sixth Annual Assembly of ISI being held in Anchorage and to discussing natural resource issues of international importance to indigenous peoples," said Clarence Alexander, ISI-Alaska chairman.

Matthew Iya, who is executive director of the Eskimo Walrus Commission in Nome, is vice chairman of ISI-Alaska. He is also the other international ISI steering committee member from Alaska.

ISI was established in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, in 1984 in response to animal rights groups whose activities were beginning to affect the economies of hunting and trapping societies in the North.

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America and Africa to submit a folio to the World Conservation Strategy meeting in Ottawa, Ontario.

Several hundred participants are expected to arrive in Anchorage. Persons interested in attending should make their own travel arrangements.

Information may be obtained by calling the Rural Alaska Community Action Program, 279-2511; or toll-free within Alaska, 800-478-7227.

Carol Torsen, subsistence program coordinator for RurALCAP in Anchorage, is the assembly coordinator.