

Native Leaders, Hickel to Meet In Anchorage

Governor Walter J. Hickel hopes that Sunday's meeting with 30 Native leaders throughout the state will be a major step toward a unified position regarding Native land claims.

"There is a great need to develop mutual understanding of all facets of the issue," Hickel said from his office in Juneau.

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held in the Solarium of the Alaska Native Medical Center, Third Avenue and Gambell Street, in Anchorage.

Transportation and nominal expenses of \$15 per person is being provided by the state through a supplemental appropriation which was rushed through legislature for the 30 invited leaders.

They are:

Flore Lekanof, Chairman, Alaska Federation of Native Associations; Richard Ketzler, Nenana; Clara Anderson, Fairbanks, Alaska Native Youth Association; Andrew Isaac, Tanacross.

William Hensley, Kotzebue, State Representative, of the Northwest Native Association; Jerome Trigg, Arctic Native Association, Nome; Sam Taalak, North Slope Native Association, Barrow; Tony Lewis, president, Kuskokwim Native Association, Bethel; Frank A. Degnan, Unalakleet; Alfred Grant, Jr., Tanana, Alaska; Ernest Norton, Kotzebue; Walter Noden, Dillingham.

Edward Gregorieoff, Tatiek; Gordon J. Olson, Cordova; Seraphan Steff, Tyonek; Byron J. Mallot, Yakutat; Dr. Walter Soboleff, president, Alaska Native Brotherhood; Harry Carter, Kodiak; and John Borbridge, Jr.,

Tlingit-Haida Representative at large.

Oscar J. Craig, president, Copper River Native Association; Ed Nollner, Jr., Chief, Galena Village; John Sackett, Huslia, State Representative; Ralph Perdue, Fairbanks Native Association; Jules Wright, Fairbanks Native Association; Harvey Westdahl, Northwest Native Association, Peter John, Minto.

Emil Notti, Cook Inlet Native Association; Ray Christiansen, Bethel, State Representative; John Westdahl, Bethel; Carl Moses, King Cove, State Representative.

"Ultimately we need to arrive at a unified position statewide on the land claims matters," Hickel said.

"That will give us the strength to achieve what is best for Alaska's Natives and for all her citizens in resolving these claims."

A closed 'organizational' meeting will be held at 10 a.m. between the Governor and the Native leaders and an open meeting will be held at 2 p.m.

Representatives of the North Slope Native Association last week indicated to Tundra Times they did not intend to attend the conference.