

Murkowski to hold 1991 workshops in Alaska

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Alaska Senator Frank Murkowski announced today that he will be conducting workshops in two Alaska communities in early February on the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) "1991" issues.

On Tuesday, February 11th, workshops will be held in Hoonah at the Public High School Gymnasium from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m.; and in Barrow on Friday, February 14th, at the High School Gymnasium from 1 to 5 p.m.

The purpose of the workshops is to receive comments on several 1991 issues including stock alienation, dissenters' rights and land protection.

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Comments are also welcome on the Alaska Federation of Natives draft legislation to amend ANSCA.

Transcripts from the workshop will be placed in the formal record of the U.S. Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee when legislative hearings are held in other Alaska communities.

"Much confusion has risen over the rights of Native shareholders in 1991 — when the shareholders will be able to sell their stocks," Murkowski said. "Alaska Natives must have the opportunity to publicly ask questions and

comment on the 1991 issue to help alleviate some of their concerns as shareholders."

Murkowski said that since time is limited, testimony will have to be condensed. Individuals who want to give testimony should contact Sen. Murkowski's office or the Sealaska Regional Corporation for the Hoonah workshop, or the Arctic Slope Regional Corporation to participate in the Barrow workshop.

Murkowski said written comments would also be welcome and may be sent to his office, 709 Hart Building, Washington, D.C. 20510.