

ASRC sponsors 1991 meet

The first general meeting of any corporation shareholders to discuss shareholder options in 1991 will be held in Barrow on March 1 through 5.

Approximately 200 to 300 shareholders of the Arctic Slope Regional Corp. are expected to attend the 1991 seminar sponsored by ASRC, according to ASRC vice-president Larry Dineen.

The seminar is being held to inform ASRC shareholders of the potential problems and benefits accompanying the opening of Native regional corporation stock to non-Native

ownership in 1991. According to terms of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, all Native-owned stock can be sold at that time to anyone.

Prior to that time, only Alaska Natives can own Native regional corporation stock.

The 1991 issue is one which all regions are beginning to consider and discuss but the ASRC meeting is the first meeting to include such large numbers of shareholders, according to Dineen. The meeting also will be televised on "Bush Television" video tape

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Conference to include villagers in discussion of 1991 alternatives

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recordings of many of the speakers will be made for rebroadcast in the North Slope and in other regions, said Dineen.

In a letter asking North Slope Mayor Eugene Brower to be one of the speakers, Edward E. Hopson, Sr., ASRC president, says the aim of the conference is "to bring enough information to bear on the subject that our shareholders will find the best position is to retain stock ownership in their Native corporation, in their own best interest and in the best interests of the Inupiat. If it is the case that both interests are not best served by retaining stock ownership, then we hope to show why not with equal clarity."

Hopson said that ANSCA was created to protect the

economic welfare of the Alaska Natives "but also to protect their social, ethnic and cultural fabric. We believe that with sufficient information our people will be able to inform themselves of their own best option."

Speakers at the conference include Joseph Upicksoun, past president and chairman of ASRC, who will speak on the history of ASRC from 1971 to 1976; George Ahmaogak, vice president of the Upkeagvik Inupiat Corp., the profit-making village corporation of Barrow, who will speak on UIC history; Edward Hopson, speaking on ASRC's history from 1976-1981, Eugene Brower speaking on the North Slope Borough, citizens and shareholders;

Marie Hopson, executive director of the Alaska Eskimo

whaling commission speaking on sea mammal subsistence and ANSCA; Bernard Nash, president and chairman of the Tigara Corp., speaking on that corporation; Cook Inlet Regional Corp. chairman Roy Hundorf, speaking on the energy company and an urban Native corporation;

Jacob Adams, ASRC vice president of lands, speaking on future land management and ASRC lands; Wesley Aiken, ASRC land specialist speaking on land selections and the ASRC villages; Robert O. Anderson, president of ARCO Oil and Gas, speaking on resource lands and the resource industry;

John Shiveley, vice president of NANA Development Corp., speaking on 1991 our traditions, our culture, and our

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elders; Dempsey Bodfish, president and chairman Olgoonik Corp., speaking on Olgoonik Corp. from 1971 to '81; Glen Fredericks, of the Kuskokwim Village Corp., speaking on 1991 and village mergers; Thomas Napageak, president and chairman of the Kuukpik Corp., speaking on that corporation;

Also speaking will be Sen. Frank Ferguson and State Rep. Al Adams, speaking on the state legislative environment for the Alaska Native and the

corporations in the next 10 years; Willie Hensley, chairman of the United Bank of Alaska and president of NANA Development Corp., speaking on the human resources essential to the ANSCA corporations for the next 10 years and after 1991; and the Congressional delegation.

Traditional activities will be offered during several of the evenings, including the Barrow Dance Group, the Tigara Dance Group, and the Olgoonik Dance Group.