

Thorny Native Allotments

DILLINGHAM — Bristol Bay Corporation board members were incensed Monday by information given them regarding a very critical problem related to the status of the Native Allotments. It is expected that Natives throughout the state will be "up in arms."

In an interview with Nels A. Anderson, Jr., chairman of the board for AFN, Inc., Anderson states, "The assistant Secretary of the Interior, Horton, has taken it upon himself to abrogate the rights of the Native people by modifying the 1906

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Native Allotment Act.

A memo written by Horton, Oct. 18, will affect a large number of pending allotments that are being reviewed under the directives of a memo written by one individual who is doing all he can to take land away from Natives.

"Under his memo, according to Anderson, "a Native must show substantial use and occupancy. That means that if an area is strewn with garbage or shows other signs of use, it will be recognized as Native land.

"Plans are being made to upset that memo which so blatantly violates the rights of Native people. The Alaska Congressional delegation is being contacted and the secretary is being informed of the Bristol Bay people's disgust," Anderson said.

Other action will probably come through law suits and other means to prevent the Interior from rejecting more applications under the Oct. 18, 1973 memo.