

Villages get more land

Six village Corporations received portions of their entitlement under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) in June.

Those village corporations receiving land were: Knit, 469.76 acres; Clark's Point, 28,405 acres; Gulkana, 79,183.24 acres; Seldovia, 2,995.17 acres; and Gambell and Savoonga on St. Lawrence Island, 1,135,843 acres. These conveyances bring the number of acres of surface estate conveyed to village corporations to 5,252,904. Of this, 131,193 acres have been patented.

Decisions to Issue Conveyance (DIC) were published in June for the villages of Egegik, Elim, Kake, Nenana, Hoonah, Mentasta, Chistochina, Akutan, Unalaska and Koliganek totaling 833,566 acres. If there are no appeals, these lands will be conveyed in the next two months.