

# CAP TO INITIATE LAND SELECTION TRAINING

## Agency Working with Various Agencies to Train Calista Region

The Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Inc. (RurAL CAP) is working with various agencies to bring land selection training to the Calista region.

The training will start with a basic review of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act and then will move on to deal specifically with the land selection aspect of the Act.

This training had been requested earlier by the RurAL CAP office (AVCP CAP) for the Bethel region but due to disagreements with Calista Corporation about the nature of the training and who would conduct it, the training never came into being.

Calista Corporation recently reorganized and is now cooperating with several organizations to begin the training.

Nils Sara, Trainer for RurAL CAP, will be working with the Calista Staff, some of the Calista board members, the Yupigtak Bista Staff and people from various other agencies including the Department of Community and Regional Affairs and the Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc.

The training will be given in two separate segments, the first one being held in June. Both

sessions will involve two representatives from each village in the Calista region.

The first session will cover the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act and will also include a session on basic land identification terminology.

The village representatives will perform various tasks during the summer, including the identification of land use around their villages on maps that will be supplied as part of the training package.

The training will resume in the fall with an intensive land selection session that will be designed to enable the villagers to undertake the village land selection process.

The initial session will be held in Bethel and because summer activities are beginning it will be necessarily brief. It is expected to last for one week.