

Tanana Chieftains To Meet May 15-16

John Sackett and Ralph Perdue announced today a meeting of the Tanana Chiefs Conference on May 15 and 16 at Fairbanks.

The main theme of the conference will center around the state and federal land claims bills now before congress and new legislation to be submitted in the near future.

The Alaska Federation of Natives, Federal Field Committee activities, education, and the Tanana hospital will also be discussed and acted upon.

In calling the meeting, Sackett stated that "This is about the only time before

everyone goes to work for the summer that we can meet, and it is also necessary that we meet at a central locality and make it easier for technical assistance from the various agencies."

He further stated that "It is very important that every chief or his representative be at the conference as we must decide on our actions on the land claims bills and testimony we must give before the public hearings in Washington, D. C. in June."

The Tanana Chiefs was created in 1962 to represent the native villages, and it is comprised of 32 villages in Interior Alaska.