

## Mayors challenge residents

The president of the North & Northwest Mayor's Conference, Robert Foote of Unalakleet, reports response to their water and sewer petition ( *Tundra Times*, March 31 ) has 'been a resounding failure!'

'Out of 3,483 signatures, a total of 425 came from Barrow, Kotzebue, Nome and Bethel.; a population of 11,881. This is a positive disgrace and they can carry the blame of failure,' says Foote.

He is asking for 8,000 or more signatures from Barrow, Kotzebue, Nome and Bethel residents before May 1. Petitions can be faxed to the Alaska Sanitation Task Force at 465-5177.

Foote estimates 135 villages with 47,000 homes need clean and safe water. 'At least 800 residents would be trained in the next three years for operation and maintenance' of new water and sewer systems, he adds.