

# LETTERS FROM HERE AND THERE

Village Council  
Goodnews Bay, Alaska  
August 19, 1970

Rural Cap  
Bethel, Alaska

Dear Sir:

We the people of Goodnews Bay, would like to know which is more important, if we could retain our manhood by supporting our families by hunting and fishing, or to ask for welfare aid or applying for unemployment insurance so that our families can eat.

Our living has always been by fishing and hunting so if our land is made to be a reserve, What will we do? The people don't have any other jobs besides the fishing and the salary work they do during the summer, which is only three months out of the year. What will we do with our time? Who will we ask to support us if the money runs

out? There would be no purpose of our living here if we can't do the things we enjoy.

We don't want anybody including the game warden telling us what we can't or can do. We don't think protecting the game which we can't use, like killing more than our share, because we know how important it is to our families if we waste anything that we can't use.

We the people of Goodnews Bay, don't want our land turned into a "RESERVE."

Sincerely,  
Wassilie Roberts  
Council President

cc: George Hohman  
Ted Stevens  
Mike Gravel  
Howard Pollock  
Ray Christiansen  
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