

# Native Students to Fill Out Native Foods Form

Native students in boarding facilities throughout the state will soon be getting an unusual form to fill out.

The form will ask such questions as "What type of Native ice cream do you prefer?" "How many times a week would you like to have moose or caribou served?"

"How do you prefer that it be prepared?" "What other types of Native foods would

you like to have on the menu from time to time?" and even "Does not having the foods you are accustomed to affect your studies?"

The questionnaire is the brainchild of the first meeting of the Native Foods Advisory Committee, a combined input between officials of the Northern Regional Office of the State's Department of Environmental Health and an all-Native advisory group.

The group held its first meeting in Fairbanks on January 31.

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the kids want," said Frank Vonder Haar, Chief Sanitarian. "At the end result of our efforts is to make it possible to serve Native foods in the schools, then this is a beginning. If nothing else, we're going to begin to gather some useful information."

The form will be designed by committee member, Laura Bergt, originally from Kotzebue and a former Native boarding student.

Athabaskan member Sally Hudson will gather samples of Native foods to be served at the coming Fairbanks Native Association potlatch, and Eskimo journalist, Emily Brown, offered to loan health officials her working notes on traditional ways of preparing Native foods.

After much lengthy discussions of food, the group finally dissolved its first meeting, just in time for lunch.