

# A difficult decision

It would be very tempting to comment on the recent events and election surrounding the re-institution and then ban of alcohol in the village of Selawik. But we won't.

What happened when alcohol was allowed back into the village was sad and it is impossible to say why the apparent abuse started. But it did.

According to Alaska troopers, crime shot up, school attendance dropped and arrests started, not to mention the assumed human suffering which accompanies alcohol abuse.

No one is certain why the effect of alcohol on our villages is so damaging and why it is worse in some villages than others.

But Selawik has made the decision to again go dry while Kiana on the Kobuk River has gone wet again as have White Mountain, and Kivilina. All decisions are difficult.

We wish all the best of luck and a peaceful future to all be it wet or dry.