

# AFN BRD. OF DIRECTORS MEET IN CORDOVA

## President Kito Reports Pending Legislation to Amend Settlement Act

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc. was held in Cordova on Thursday, August 28th. AFN President Sam Kito reported on the legislation pending before Congress to amend the Settlement Act.

He also reported on the progress of discussions being held to clarify and establish a structure for the revenue sharing provisions of Section 7(i) of ANCSA.

A meeting was set for the 9th and 10th of September in the Cook Inlet Region Board Room to continue efforts to resolve the 7(i) problems.

Gordon Jackson, AFN's Executive Vice-President for Human Resources, gave a report on the actions and programs currently underway in the Human Resources department.

Following Gordon's presentation, there was a discussion of the possibilities of reorganizing the structure of AFN. It was suggested that in the future AFN may take less of a role in subcontracting Federal programs and instead provide technical and administrative assistance to organizations directly contracting from Federal agencies.

No decision has been made or action taken but this is one suggested alternative for AFN's future. A definite position will

probably be taken during the upcoming AFN Convention in October.

In other actions taken, the Directors passed a resolution endorsing an all-Alaska natural gas pipeline and authorized action by AFN to ask that in any special session of the legislature that is called, action be taken by the legislature on both the impending fuel crisis in Rural Alaska and the disastrous fishing season.

The Board also heard a presentation of possible investment opportunities with the Swinomish Indians of Washington State.

AFN staff member Donna Christie reported to the Board on the progress of planning for the upcoming AFN Convention and asked for direction from the Board as to a theme for the Convention. After some discussion the Board chose "Resources" as the theme of this year's Convention.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors was set for September 23rd in Sitka.