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Claims Settlement Act are tribes, and these village councils do possess inherent tribal authority within their lands.

But jurisdiction over what lands get whose authority is still a major issue.

"Where is jurisdiction? Where is Indian Country?" he asked. "Indian Country is still the subject of great debate."

Not only are these two issues at hand, he said, but also the management of fish and game on federal lands.

He said his organization has people calling to ask how they should handle the new subsistence management

change.

"They ask how to hunt in a traditional way without taking along a surveyor to determine whether they are on federal or state lands," he said about the recent federal takeover of fish and game management on federal lands in Alaska and the confusion it has caused.

He said if tribal sovereignty is granted Natives will be able to impose taxes on their lands and deal with drug and alcohol enforcement on tribal lands as well.

Also scheduled to speak about sovereignty was Gov. Steve Cowper, who was unable to leave Juneau because of a storm in Southeast Alaska.