

Village Help Needed to Update Tribal Rolls

There was an article about new village enrollments published last fall in the September 1985 edition of AVCP's newsletter, *Yupit Qanlauciat*. This article explains the new tribal enrollment plan.

It is important that the Tribal Council and the people they represent understand what the tribal enrollment is, what it is not, and reasons for it.

The new village enrollment is the Tribal Council Membership Enrollment. It is not a continuation of shareholders enrollment under the Alaska Native Land Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) of 1971. However, under the new village enrollments, no one will be left out as tribal members.

The reason for the Tribal Membership Enrollment is for the Tribal Council to identify their community members on paper. We have played this by knowledge, but it is about time this is done and criteria and requirements set on future memberships.

Criteria and requirements on future memberships will give the tribal council a better control over their village. This will be done with each village enrollment.

The September 1985 article suggested that five smallest villages be selected. These five smallest villages are: 1. Nightmute; 2. Platinum; 3. Pitka's Point; 4. Sheldon's Point; 5. Oscarville. These villages have been notified by a letter of having been selected to be enrolled this year, starting February 1986.

The overall plan is to enroll as many villages as possible this year. Funding and mechanics for total enrollment is in a process of review at AVCP.

When the membership enrollment proceeds, help and cooperation of village councils and tribal members will be needed and deeply appreciated. The success of this task depends on you.