

Alaska Peninsula Land Claim Filed By Three Groups

Three Southcentral Alaska Native groups have joined in a 40 to 50 million acre land claim filed on land and water around the Alaska Peninsula.

The claim includes the Peninsula, Kodiak and the Shumagin Islands, and a portion of the mainland west to Cape Newenham.

It overlaps lands to the north that are claimed by the Nondalton and the Lime Hills Indian Group.

The claim includes lands, waters islands, shoals,

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reefs, inlets, and tidelands which, the three groups state in their claim, have been used and occupied since "time immemorial" for their hunting, trapping, and fishing. About half the claim on land.

The claim brings a total of about 290 million of the 375 million acres of land in the state under the various Native land claims. The Aleutians have not yet been claimed.

The Kodiak, Bristol Bay and Alaska Peninsula Natives are represented by the Anchorage law firm of McCutcheon, Groh and Benkert in their claim.