

Ahtna, BBNC meetings set for Saturday

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It's that time of year again. The fish, moose, caribou, seals, whales, birds and berries have been harvested. Now it's time to get down to get down to business. Ahtna, Inc. and Bristol Bay Native Corporation are having shareholders meetings this week.

Ahtna will be meeting at 10 a.m. this Saturday, September 22, 1979. Registration begins at

9 a.m. Norman Johns, Ahtna's General Manager, expects 400-500 people to gather in the Gulikana Community Hall in Gulikana, Alaska.

The issues are varied and numerous. Twelve shareholders are running for 5 directors seats. Roy Tanzey, the Corporation President, is expected to speak on the Ahtna/Alyeska settlement. Johns announced that "we've got our small contract.

Right now we've got 20 people out there (working on the Alaska oil pipeline)."

In addition, there will be a manager overview, conveyance and patent of land will be explained, and the construction end of the corporation, Ahtna Corporation, will be reviewed.

Bristol Bay Native Corporation's (BBNC) meeting will be more controversial. 2,651 shareholders must be represented in

person or by proxy at the meeting before it convenes September 22, 1979 at the BBNC-owned Westward Hilton Hotel in Anchorage.

The location itself has caused an outcry, since 2 out of 3 shareholders live within the BBNC region.

There should also be a lively discussion of past and future investments and investment policies.

The sale of Peter Pan Seafoods, announced last month, has resparked a debate on investment practices that will lead to changes or reaffirmation of the present management's leadership.

Hundreds of Alaska Natives have some big decisions to make this week. If you are a shareholder of Ahtna or BBNC voice your opinions via your vote.