

Nome, Kotzebue lotteries called off

The Oct. 2 Pilgrim Homestead lottery in Nome and the land auction to be held in Kotzebue on Oct. 3 have been postponed due to a recent decision of the Supreme Court in the case of Alaska Survival versus the State Department of Natural Resources.

The state has filed a petition for a rehearing, asking the court to reconsider its ruling. At this time, the effect of the Supreme Court's decision on scheduled disposals has not been determined.

Until the Supreme Court has ruled on the petition for rehearing and until DNR and the Attorney General's Office have determined the effect of the court's ruling on scheduled disposals, no further sales of land not included in a comprehensive regional land use plan will be held.

DNR has decided that this action is necessary to protect the public interest, according to officials of the agency. This will not affect the lottery scheduled for Nov. 6 in Tok because the Glenn Subdivision and Seven Mile Homestead are authorized by the Tanana Basin Area Plan, they said.