

Commission to Hold Hearings On Land

Governor William A. Egan recently announced the times and sites for three public hearings to be held by the Public Land Law Review Commission in Alaska early this month.

The meetings will be held beginning at 10 a.m. July 2 in the District Courtroom on the ninth floor of the new

Federal Building in Juneau; at 10 a.m. July 6 in the District Courtroom of the Federal Building in Anchorage; and at 10 a.m. July 8 in the Chamber of Commerce Log Cabin in Fairbanks. A fourth public hearing may be held July 9 in either Kotzebue or Nome.

"I am certainly happy that the Commission has chosen to hold hearings in Alaska, in which more than 95 per cent of the land is public

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domain," the Governor said. "I sincerely hope many Alaskans will attend these meetings and make known their feelings and beliefs on this vitally important subject."

The general topic of the

Public Land Law Review Commission's meetings will be the impact of Federal Land ownership, including land withdrawal policies, need for recreational uses, and timber, oil, mining and grazing laws, regulations and policies.

Attorney General Warren C. Colver, Governor Egan's personal representative on the Commission's advisory body, will accompany the Commission members on their Alaska itinerary.

Colver said persons wishing to appear before the Commission should, if possible, have prepared statements, with 10 copies to submit to the Commission. However, Colver said no person will be denied the right to be heard if unable to meet this requirement.

Making the trip will be at

least four and maybe five members of the Commission, under vice chairman Byron Mock of Utah, who will preside.

Others include Laurence Rockefeller of New York (brother of New York Governor Nelson Rockefeller), Maurice Goddard of Pennsylvania, and Mrs. Nancy Smith of California. Representative Wayne Aspinall, Colorado Democrat who is chairman of the Commission, may possibly attend the sessions, along with Alaska Congressman Ralph J. Rivers, according to Colver.

Others accompanying the Commission will be Commission Staff Director Milton A. Pearl, and staff members and representatives of the Departments of Defense and Interior.