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Land Issues

Question: Can you tell me why the Calista Region has less land within its regional boundaries than the Doyon Region even though Calista has 13,482 persons enrolled to the area and Doyon has only 9,297 persons enrolled?

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Answer: It is true that the Calista Region has less total acreage within its boundaries than does Doyon Ltd. Calista accounts for 35.8 million acres while the Doyon regional area includes 128.4 million acres.

The regional boundaries were established by the regions themselves in negotiations during the preparation of a land claims settlement.

Presumably the boundaries represent the extent to which Native peoples with the same culture are distributed across the land. In Calista's area most of the people in the 53 plus villages are Yupik Eskimo, as you know, while in the Doyon Region there are many types of Indians and some Inupiat Eskimo.