

Letters

Reader opposes bills

Attn Tundra Times Editorial Page:

In response to the two bills labeled, H.B. 246 and S.B. 199. I would urge all Native Alaskans to strongly oppose the bills, also our American friends too. It's only saying that all shareholders in the whole of Alaska, will be giving up there right to have a say, of which the Corporation is rightfully ours.

I for one am angered that those bills would even be announced at all. I appreciate your time and efforts.

Sincerely,
Fred B. White

Thanks for the Tundra Times

To the editor:

I would like to thank the person who sent the subscription of the *Tundra Times* newsletter to me. I enjoy reading the *Tundra Times* very much as it keeps me informed of all the Native issues. So, thank you very much.

I'd like to apologize to my family, relatives and friends for the embarrassment I caused them a few years ago.

Anyone who wishes to write to me can write me at this address. I'd like to hear from everyone:

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I am incarcerated in the penitentiary here in Lompol Calif. So I've got a lot of time on my hands with very little to do but write letters. I like making new friends through the mail. So flood my mail box. I'd like to hear from you. P.S. Everyone call's me (Bear).

Sincerely your friend
Bill Howarth

No action on alcohol abuse

To the editor:

Every issue of the *Tundra Times* carries news of problems we Alaskan Natives are having to deal with. Today I listen to the battle going on in Congress about tobacco and its affects on our bodies. It makes me sad to think that so many tragic problems facing us the Alaskan Natives evolve around abuse of alcohol. This problem is so very visible and known, yet not acted on. I don't hear Congress arguing about the harmful affects on my body, life, family, my productivity on the job, property, injuries, and death. I don't hear of the cry for a ban on advertising or the statement of its affect on babies.

What does it take to address this. We've been through the heart break and pain, and loss. Should we as Alaskan Natives be concerned of 1990 issues? Where is this leading us? I would like to see stronger action and a firmer stand taken by our leaders, be it local on to our Congressman.

Very Sincerely,
Elenore McMullen

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To the publisher:

We would like to subscribe again to *Tundra Times*. Please start a subscription & bill me.

It is good to see your face on TV and I'm glad you're the Editor — that's great!

I'm retiring after this year — I have been counselor/librarian for several years here at Ninilchik School.

I intend to do some writing!

Sincerely yours,
Wade Jackinsky

(Editors note: Sylvia Carlsson is the *Tundra Times* president & publisher.)

Meidinger comments on oil development irk reader

Dear Editor,

I read with deep concern the article entitled "Villagers not opposed to offshore oil development, says Meidinger". I am concerned because Mrs. Meidinger is paid and makes her living by representing oil companies. I know this because I was in my village when she came with her oil people and made a presentation...she would not allow villagers to ask questions and got angry when they did.

She talks alot and perhaps thinks that no one can doubt her words especially the environmentalists. Among the environmentalists are the first people. She says she speaks for the Native people as she sits on the AFN board and is chairman of the Koniag, Inc. I am concerned that the non-native world is listening to her at their breakfasts and think that she speaks for AFN and all Native people. Does she?

"Hard core opposition comes strictly from environmental groups although villagers are concerned about the risk of pollution because they depend upon the environment for their living, she said". This statement makes it

sound like the Native people are sleeping and sitting in their houses looking forward to the day that there are oil rigs sitting in their front yards or in their bays, and only concerned about the day there is a spill and they can't eat the fish that they catch, or the ducks. I don't believe this. Our people are much more educated than to believe everything that they are told, especially from someone who works for the oil companies.

Mrs. Meidinger says "the environmental community exploits and plays upon the legitimate concerns of natives". What kind of statement is this!! Are we to think that there are actually Native people who aren't legitimately concerned about their environment? Are we to think that if we want to not have oil development in our backyards or bays and lagoons, that we should not ask environmental groups to help us? I would say that if there is opposition in the villages and if they want help from environmental groups, ask them and more power to us.

—Name withheld from publication
(for fear that Mrs. Meidinger will put oil development in my waters)

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