

ICC to discuss Arctic Pilot Plan in Bethel next week

The Executive Council of the Inuit Circumpolar Conference will gather in Bethel this weekend to address issues facing the international organization.

Representatives will come from Alaska, Greenland and Canada. Oscar Kawagley, a council member from Alaska, says the Arctic Pilot Project, a plan which would in-

troduce year-round shipping into Arctic waters, will be one of the prime topics for discussion.

Inuit hunters and fishers in Greenland fear noise created by the giant supertankers which would smash their way through the Arctic ice would drive away the seals, whales, fish and other sea-life which they depend upon to survive.

Further, were the project to be successful, ICC fears supertankers would one day be blasting their way westward through Alaskan waters.

"We are going to start thinking about how we should formulate an Arctic Policy," Kawagley notes, one that would take into consideration the needs of all the Inuit, or Eskimo, cultures.

"We are also going to see how we are doing in implementing the resolutions we passed in 1980 at the General Assembly in Greenland. If we are failing to implement some of them, we want to find out why, and see what we have to do to get it done," Kawagley adds.

The council will also seek ways to raise funds for the

next general assembly, to be held in 1983 in Canada.

Hans-Pavia Rosing, President of ICC, will come from Greenland along with councilmen Aqqaluk Lynge and Lars Chemnitz. Mary Simon and John Ahmaogolik will represent Canada. Jimmy Stotts of Barrow will join Kawagley as Alaska's other member of the Executive Council.