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## Mayors' meeting reconvenes

The First Session of the Seventh Annual North and Northwest Alaska Mayors' Conference will reconvene in Nome at 9 a.m. Jan. 14, and mayors of all communities north and west of the Yukon are invited to attend.

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## Kaktovik hearing sparks diverse ANWR statements

by Dave Elias  
for the Tundra Times

**KAKTOVIK** — Several plane loads of visitors arrived from far away places under fairly clear skies and relatively warm weather here Tuesday to discuss the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

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Villagers generously provided an ample potluck dinner in the high school gym for their guests, including some highly prized muktuk and whale meat.

Later, more than 100 visitors and villagers gathered in a newly finished community hall for the second of three hearings conducted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, concerning oil and gas leasing within the refuge.

This North Slope village, population 207, is on Barter Island at the edge of the Beaufort Sea. The village, the most eastern in the North Slope Borough, is about 400 miles north of Fairbanks and 300 miles east of Barrow.

Just south of here, in an area about 104 miles long and varying from 16 to 34 miles wide, are 1.55 million acres of land in which the Fish and Wildlife Service says there might be vast accumulations of oil.

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## Whaling commission favors amendments

The Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission favors a set of amendments to the Marine Mammal Protection Act and the Endangered Species Act signed into law recently by President Reagan.

Officials of the commission said they were involved in the drafting of the amendments, and they believe the changes represent a reasonable compromise between the subsistence interests of villages and the development interests of the energy corporations.

In a prepared press release from the commission, they also said the amendments strengthen the Marine Mammal Protection Act protections for the subsistence hunt of bowhead whales.

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## ASRAA sponsors workshop

The Association for Stranded Rural Alaskans in Anchorage is sponsoring a cross-cultural communications workshop Jan. 22 in Anchorage.

The workshop is aimed at counseling staff who may deal with Alaska Natives in transition.

Registration must be completed by Jan. 16, and the fee is \$40. The cost includes lunch during the day-long workshop.

It will be held at the Fairview Community Center, 1121 East 10th Avenue, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Those who want more information may call 277-7043.



Among those who spoke at the ANWR hearing in Kaktovik was Herman Rexford, who delivered a statement for Arco Alaska Inc. in the Inupiat language. The Kaktovik hearing was the second of three such meetings held by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Other hearings were in Anchorage and Washington, D.C. Transportation for Tundra Times volunteer Dave Elias and photographer Norris Klesman was provided by Arco Alaska Inc.

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