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## AFN opposes 1991 legislation in U.S. Senate

A bill introduced in the U.S. Senate to extend restrictions on the sale of stock in Alaska Native corporations beyond 1991 is flawed and should be amended to meet the needs of Alaska's Native people, according to testimony presented last week by Janie Leask.

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## Walrus panel, F&W Service sign agreement

by Steve Pilkington  
for the Tundra Times

Members of the Eskimo Walrus Commission, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game met last week to sign a Memorandum of Agreement designed to promote wise use of the Pacific walrus.

Signing the agreement Thursday were Walrus Commission Chairman Jonah Tokienna of Wales, Fish and

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## Ahtna Inc. reports '86 net earnings

COPPER CENTER — Ahtna Inc. has announced net earnings of \$246,840 — \$1.38 per share — for its fiscal year ending Dec. 31, 1986, according to Roy S. Ewan, president.

The smallest of the state's regional corporations, with nearly 1,100 members, Ahtna continues to retain the distinction of being the only Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act regional corporation to be profitable every year since its inception.

Ewan reported stockholder's equity in Ahtna increased from \$19,011,946 on Dec. 31, 1985, to \$19,615,837 on Dec. 31, 1986. The per share value of the shareholders' equity stood at \$109.59, compared to \$106.21 per share on Dec. 31, 1985.

Total assets were \$23,193,668 on Dec. 31, 1986, compared to \$23,160,442 a year earlier. The per share value of the stockholders' assets stood at \$129.57 on Dec. 31, 1986, compared to \$129.39 at the year's end in 1985.

Included among Ahtna's operating subsidiaries are Ahtna Construction & Primary Products Corp., Ahtna Development Corp. and Ahtna Enterprises Corp. Ahtna is also involved, through its subsidiaries, in a variety of joint ventures.

The fourteenth annual shareholder's meeting was held May 16 in Copper Center.

Four directors also were elected at the meeting: Markle F. Ewan (Incumbent), Gulkana; Charles Hubbard, Cantwell; Nicholas Lincoln Sr. (Incumbent), Copper Center; and Marsha M. Armstrong (Incumbent), Tazlina.

Ahtna is headquartered in Copper Center and maintains an office in Anchorage.



## Natives pledge to fight abuse

by Heidi Bradner  
for the Tundra Times

More than 200 people from villages throughout Alaska gathered at the Fairview Community Center in Anchorage May 17 to participate in a ceremony of commitment to prevent alcohol and drug abuse.

The staking ceremony, in which participants contributed soil brought from their Native communities to one container, was the heart of the day's events.

Participation represented a serious commitment to battling alcoholism.

"It means standing your ground or dying," said Phil Lane Jr., who led Alaskans in the ceremony.

Similar ceremonies of commitment are common to Native American communities throughout Canada and the United States, he said.

Lane, from the Four Worlds Development Project in Alberta, Canada, has helped Native American communities in Canada and the United States realize their ability to overcome alcoholism and drug addiction.

Lane and colleague Michael Bopp were in Alaska to make presentations



Members of the Northern Lights Drum group, top, performed at the ceremony. Below, Phil Lane, left, and Nels Johnson, right, participate. photos by M.A. Kueber

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