

that other of our claims now pending before the Indian Claims Commission be extinguished. Very few Alaska Native groups filed claims before the Commission during the period when it was possible to do so. Consequently, certain of the rights, titles and claims which the Tlingit and Haida will be called upon to surrender incident to the settlement are in many respects more firmly established than those of other Native groups.

In short, the Tlingit and Haida Indians are entitled to participate in the general settlement because, like other Alaska Native groups, they will be called upon as part of the settlement to surrender rights, titles and claims of great value.