

V. Administration of the Settlement

The Federal Field Committee, the Department of the Interior and AFN all agree that the proceeds of the settlement should not be distributed in cash to the individual Alaskan Natives. Such per capita distributions have proven disastrous in the past and may have done more harm than good to the Native recipients.

Under all of the proposals made to this Congress, the proceeds would go into one or more development corporations and would be used to develop the Natives' economy and resources, to meet pressing social needs which are not being met by existing governmental programs, and to enhance the growth of Alaska. All three proposals further provide that at some point the Natives should obtain control over the development corporation (or corporations), and that an Alaska Native Commission should administer certain aspects of the settlement.

However, the Federal Field and Interior Bills differ from the AFN proposal in two critical respects relating to administration. First, while neither of these bills requires Native representation on the Commission, and while neither gives the Natives control of the development corporations until some time in the future, AFN believes