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REGULATIONS FOR REMOVING PERSONS FROM ALASKA SETTLEMENT  
ROLL ARE BEING PUBLISHED

Procedural rules for the disenrollment of persons erroneously included on the roll of persons eligible for benefits under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act are being published in the Federal Register, the Department of the Interior announced today

A roll of eligible Alaska Natives was conditionally approved December 17, 1973, and legislation enacted January 2, 1976, reopened the enrollment process for another full year. The disenrollment regulations establish procedures for removing, with due process, persons not entitled to the benefits of the Act.

Persons on the roll share ownership, through stock holdings in their regional and village corporations, of 40 million acres of land and cash distributions, to be made over a period of years, of \$962.5 million.

The rules provide time limits for contesting any enrollment. For persons on the conditionally approved roll of December 17, 1973, no contest may be initiated after July 31, 1977; for those enrolled under the January 2, 1976 legislation no contest may be initiated after January 2, 1978

Disenrollment under the rules, which become effective 30 days after publication, will not retroactively affect land entitlements of any Alaska Native group or past fund distributions made under the Act.

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