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Final regulations for preparing aro11 ofA1askaNativeseligib1e to share in the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of December 18, 1971, were issued today by the Assistant Secretary of the Interior Harrison Loesch.

(The regulations are scheduled to appear in the Federal Register March 17, 1972.)

The Native Claims Act provides for settlement of awards totaling $962.5 million and 40 million acres of land, and ends a struggle which has been pending since the United States purchased Alaska from Russia in 1867, according to Louis R. Bruce, Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Alaska Natives who may be eligible for enrollment must be:

1. Citizens of the United States.
2. At least one-fourth degree Eskimo, Aleut or Alaskan Indian blood, or combination thereof.
3. Born on or before December 18, 1971, and living on that date

The regulations prescribe rules for preparation of the roll and establish March 30, 1973, as the deadline to apply for enrollment. Only those Natives whose names are included on the roll will be entitled to share in the settlement, although Natives do not have to be living in Alaska to be eligible for enrollment.

Applications for enrollment now available from the Enrollment Coordinating Office, (Kaloa Building, 16th & C Streets), Pouch 7-1971, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.