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Proposed amendments to the regulations governing the enrollment of Alaska Natives under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, as amended, were published in the Federal Register, June 4, 1976 Commissioner of Indian Affairs Morris Thompson announced today.

The proposed revision of the regulations is for the purpose of permitting the filing and review of applications for enrollment pursuant to the Act of January 2, 1976. This Act re-opened the rolls for those persons who missed the original enrollment deadline of March 30, 1973.

Eligibility criteria for enrollment are the same as for the first enrollment. In general, this means that a person must be at least one-quarter degree or more Alaska Indian, Eskimo, or Aleut blood --or a combination, thereof --and living on December 18, 1971.

The Settlement Act granted Alaska Natives 40 million acres of land and nearly a billion dollars. Comments, suggestions or objections regarding the proposed regulations should be sent to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington, D.C. 20245 within 30 days after publication.