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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

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Land Acquisitions

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Petition.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Interior requests comments on a petition for rulemaking concerning Alaska Native land acquisitions. This petition recommends amending regulations to bring federally recognized Alaska Native Tribes within the scope of federal regulations authorizing the acquisition of land in trust status.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before March 6, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be mailed or hand carried to the Chief, Branch of Technical Services, Division of Real Estate Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 1849 C Street, N.W., MS–4522–MIB, Washington, D.C. 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Copies of the petition may be obtained by contacting Alice A. Harwood, Chief, Branch of Technical Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Room 4522, Main Interior Building, 1849 C Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20240; Telephone number (202) 208–3604; or by mail at the address listed above.

SUPPLEMENTRY INFORMATION: Petitioners include three federally recognized tribes in Alaska: Chilkoot Indian Association (Haines), the Native Village of Larsen Bay, and the Kenaitze Indian Tribe. They request the Secretary to amend the existing regulation which excludes the acquisition of land in trust status in the State of Alaska for Alaska Natives and tribes, except for the Metlakatla Indian Community of the Annette Island Reserve and its members. Specifically, the petitioners request the Secretary to: (1) remove the portion of the existing regulation that prohibits the acquisition of land in trust status in the State of Alaska for Alaska Native villages other than Metlakatla and (2) include in the definition of "tribe" those Alaska Native villages listed on the Department of the Interior's list of federally recognized tribes.

Dated: November 29, 1994.

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