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ANCSA REGIONAL ASSOCIATION SUPPORTS ALASKA'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION EQUITABLE REVENUE SHARING PROVISION

~CORRECTED VERSION~

(Anchorage, Alaska) – The ANCSA Regional Association, representing the Chief Executive Officers of the 12 land-based Alaska Native regional corporations, support the efforts of Congressman Don Young, Senator Lisa Murkowski and Senator Dan Sullivan to include an equitable revenue sharing provision in an appropriations bill pending in the U.S. House of Representatives, and a related bill in the Senate.

The provision would allocate 3 percent of oil and gas leasing revenues that may be generated from the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) Section 1002 Area/Coastal Plain to the Alaska Native Fund authorized in the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) for distribution through Section 7(i) and 7(j) of that Act. ANCSA contains a unique provision, one based on the basic and profound historical and cultural value of sharing of resources among Alaska Native people. The provision is in concert with that value.

In the 1960s and 1970s, Alaska Native peoples worked closely with the state and federal governments and Congress to resolve aboriginal land claims that helped clear the way for construction of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline and oil and gas development at Prudhoe Bay, which together have provided great benefits to Alaska, to national and economic security, to the public at large, and to Alaska Native people. More recently, Alaska Native peoples have worked in concert with the Alaska congressional delegation as it sought to open the Coastal Plain to oil and gas leasing.

The delegation worked with their colleagues in Congress to increase the royalty rate for oil and gas leasing on the Coastal Plain to 16.67 percent so as to provide that the State share would be larger than it would have been had the royalty remained at 12.5 percent; while also allowing for a small percent for equitable sharing of such revenues through the Alaska Native Fund of ANCSA.

Funds distributed through Section 7 of ANCSA are essential to rural communities for social programs, women's shelters, school lunches, education, search and rescue, bereavement benefits, expanding business operations and payment of dividends. Such funds are of vital importance for many villages where life is

more challenging than anywhere else in the United States, including when travel by air, land or water is necessary for medical emergencies, childbirth, schooling, jobs, purchasing provisions, and other valuable community initiatives.

ANCSA Regional Association Executive Director, Kim Reitmeier said that “The 12 Alaska Native regional corporations stand in unity and are grateful to Alaska's congressional delegation and their colleagues in Congress for their effort that would benefit all Alaskans, State and National economic security, as well as the betterment of the social, health and economic well-being of our shareholders, villages, and communities.”

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The ANCSA Regional Association represents the Chief Executive Officers of the 12 land-based regional Alaska Native Corporations (ANCs), as well as the President of the Alaska Federation of Natives. Our corporations are owned by more than 127,000 Alaska Native people and were formed under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971, 43 U.S.C. § 1601, et. seq. (ANCSA). Our mission is to promote and foster the continued growth and economic strength of the Alaska Native regional corporations on behalf of our shareholders.