

1 transmit promptly to the Commission all claims that have
2 been filed with it previous to the appointment of the Com-
3 mission, as well as those received thereafter.

4 **§ 503. Conflicting claims**

5 The Alaska Native Commission is vested with jurisdic-
6 tion to hear and equitably determine conflicting claims be-
7 tween native groups or to reduce a claim area upon petition
8 of the State of Alaska, the Secretary of the Interior, or any
9 aggrieved person. Resolution of a conflicting claim may in-
10 clude granting each group an interest in the area in conflict.

11 **§ 504. Claims of new villages**

12 Native groups related to native villages which have
13 been established or which have moved during recorded
14 history, such as the village of Beaver, shall be permitted to
15 file a claim based upon aboriginal use and occupancy during
16 such period.

17 **§ 505. Claims of abandoned villages**

18 A native group related to a native village which has
19 been abandoned involuntarily during recorded history, or
20 which has been absorbed by a nonnative community, may
21 file a claim based upon aboriginal use and occupancy before
22 such involuntary abandonment or absorption.

23 **§ 506. Merger of claims and groups**

24 Native groups and native group corporations may merge
25 or may merge their claims. Regional associations may con-