

enhancing the present and future welfare of the Natives in Alaska, and (c) provision for Native hunting, fishing, tapping, and berry picking, within Federal lands not granted to the Native groups; and that it is the purpose of this Act to provide such a settlement.

DECLARATION OF SETTLEMENT

SEC. 4. The provisions of this Act shall be regarded as full and final settlement of any and all claims against the United States based upon aboriginal right, title, use, or occupancy of lands in Alaska by Natives or arising under the Act of May 17, 1884 (23 Stat. 24), or the Act of June 6, 1900 (31 Stat. 321), including claims pending before the Indian Claims Commission by previous authorization of Congress and not finalized by said Commission on the date of enactment of this Act.

GRANT OF LANDS

SEC. 5. (a) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Secretary, upon his own initiative and without application, is authorized to grant, in trust, to each Native group, subject to valid existing rights and if not withdrawn for purposes unrelated to Native use or the administration of Native affairs, (1) title to the village site or sites now occupied by such group, and (2) title to such additional lands in the vicinity of such site or sites which, in his judgment, would contribute significantly to the reasonable community expansion to fulfill future economic and social requirements, taking into account such factors as population, economic resources of said group, traditional way of life of said group, and the nature and value of the land proposed to be granted: *Provided*, That, at any time during the term of the trust, the Secretary, upon application of the Native group and upon the approval by him of a land use plan submitted by said group, shall terminate the trust for all or any part of the lands granted under this subsection to said group. Such grant may include a grant of title to noncontiguous lands being used and occupied by such Natives for burial grounds, airfields, water supply, hunting and fishing camps, and dock or boat-launching sites that are not withdrawn for other purposes. In the case of Native villages in locations where there are not sufficient additional lands in Federal ownership to permit the Secretary to make the grant of additional lands contemplated by this subsection, the Secretary may convey other lands in lieu thereof but subject to the same conditions and limitations that apply to conveyances of land within the vicinity of a village.

(b) In no case may the grant of land to a Native group under this section exceed fifty thousand acres.

(c) The provisions of this section shall not apply to Native groups who are beneficiaries of the judgment recovered by the Tlingit and Haida Indians in Court of Claims Docket No. 47,900.

RESERVATIONS AND RESERVES

SEC. 6. (a) The areas of lands and waters heretofore reserved and set aside by Executive or Secretarial order for the use of the Native groups of Akutan, Diomedes, Karluk, Unalakleet, Venetie, and Wales shall be granted in trust to said groups. To the extent such areas are smaller than the areas of land that could be granted to each group under the terms of section 5 of this Act, additional lands may be granted to the group, in trust, by the Secretary: *Provided*, That the total grant shall not exceed fifty thousand acres.

(b) The various reserves set aside by Executive or Secretarial order for Native use or for administration of Native affairs, including those created under authority of the Act of May 31, 1938 (52 Stat. 593), shall be revoked, subject to any valid existing rights of any non-Natives, by the grant of title in trust by the Secretary of up to fifty thousand acres of land now covered by such order to the Native group using or occupying said lands on the date of enactment of this Act.

(c) At any time during the term of the trust covering lands granted under this section, the Secretary, upon application of a Native group and upon the approval by him of a land use plan submitted by said group, shall terminate the trust for all or any part of the lands granted to said groups.

(d) The grant of lands under this section now covered by an Executive or Secretarial order shall include the underlying mineral deposits.