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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Aluakpak Site

AND/OR COMMON

Coal Mine #3

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF Wainwright, Alaska

STATE

CODE
02

COUNTY CODE
040 2770 000 0000

2 CLASSIFICATION

Barrow North Slope Division

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER: subsistent
- MILITARY

4 AGENCY

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)

Bureau of Land Management

STREET & NUMBER

1028 Aurora Drive

CITY, TOWN

Fairbanks

VICINITY OF

STATE
Alaska 99701

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Traditional Land Use Inventory, North Slope Borough,
National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska (Wainwright)

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

North Slope Borough - Planning Office

CITY, TOWN

Barrow,

STATE
Alaska 99723

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Aluakpak is located approximately 15 miles inland from Wainwright on the east bank of the Kuk River. The site consists of the main outcroppings of coal. Remains of human use are found at a camp upriver from the main deposits at the mouth of a small stream that enters into the Kuk. Here the people have camped while mining coal. Barrels, a spool, caribou bones and tent stakes mark the camp. This coal resource was sampled by the geologists Paige, Foran, and Gilluly and appears on their map "Northwestern Part of Naval Petroleum Reserve No. 4 Alaska" (1924).

A reindeer herders camp, located at the mouth of the Killich is also associated with the coal deposits and is included within the district boundaries.

The southern border of the site is at Ivishaat, marked by rock piles on top of the bank and red rock in the bank.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Aluakpak is a coal mining place on the upper Kuk River used by the Eskimos of the Wainwright area. After the introduction of iron stoves, coal became an important source of fuel for Arctic Slope Eskimo (Stefansson 1914:8). While driftwood provided an uncertain source of fuel for coastal settlements, the interior villages and camps depended upon coal. Aluakpak's strategic position about half way up the Kuk River made it an ideal place for people to stop on their way to camps up the river.

In the fall before freeze-up, families moved from Wainwright up the Kuk River to fishing camps. They portaged their equipment to Wainwright lagoon then towed or sailed the umiaqs (large skinned boats) to the vicinity of Aluakpak. There they camped long enough to sack coal to take to fishing camps. During the period of reindeer herding (1920-1944) a camp was built near the coal outcroppings at Aluakpak so that the herders could take advantage of the fuel source. It was a recognized stopping place for people headed inland.

Before they acquired oil stoves, large amounts of coal were taken from Aluakpak to Wainwright where it was used as the principal fuel in homes and in the school. Coal from Aluakpak was even used by coal burning ships. One year the captain of such a ship contracted with Waldo Bodfish (resident of Wainwright) for the delivery of sacked coal to Wainwright in time to meet his ship when it came up the coast. The site was also used by coal miners from Barrow who in 1958 or 1959 mined there.

While today many of the homes use oil stoves and the school burns exclusively oil, people still sack coal from Aluakpak to use in supplementing the oil. It remains a ready source of fuel and an insurance against the cold if the supply ship doesn't arrive.

Historic use of Aluakpak reflects the effects that particular technological introductions (stoves and frame houses) had on the traditional land use patterns. The continued use of this site demonstrates the degree of their incorporation and their value to local people.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

- 1) Bodfish, Eddie.
- 2) Land Selection Committee, Village of Wainwright.
- 3) Paige, S., W.T. Foren and J. Gilluly
1925 - A Reconnaissance of the Point Barrow Region, Alaska U.S.G.S. Bulletin #1172

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 142.3

UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Aluakpak is located approximately 15 miles inland from Wainwright on the east bank of the Kuk River. The northern boundary is at a small creek where an old reindeer herders' camp is located. The southern boundary is found at the northern extent of Ivishaat. The end of coal outcroppings and the presence of red rocks marks the boundary. Aluakpak extends inland only to the small ridge which is a natural landmark.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

William S. Schneider

Dec. 10, 1976

ORGANIZATION

Anthropology and Historic Preservation

DATE

479-7370

STREET & NUMBER

Cooperative Park Studies Unit

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

University of Alaska, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

STATE

12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES NO NONE

Russell Cabell
STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Historic Preservation Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The evaluated level of significance is National State Local .

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

Harold S. Hunter

BUREAU LIAISON (BLA) 1/1/80

TITLE

Russell Cabell SHPO

DATE 3/31/77

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

W. Ray Luce
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE 3/18/80

ATTEST: *Kristin J. O'Connell*

DATE 3/5/80

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS:

Map - "Northwestern Part of Naval Petroleum Reserve No. 4 Alaska"
(1924) in Paige, Foran, and Gilluly (1925) A Reconnaissance
of the Point Barrow Region, Alaska U.S.G.S. Bulletin #772.

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SIGNIFICANCE:

Present use of Aluakpak is in keeping with its historic use and is a reflection of the continuing value placed on the natural resource found there. While it has been used sporadically for commercial purposes, the primary historic value is to be found in its use by local people for their own consumption. This consideration should be kept in mind in the development of any preservation plan.

Work toward National Register nomination for this place was requested by the villagers of Wainwright because of their strong ties with the area. They feel that National Register classification will help protect it against adverse impact. Present use of this place by local people is in keeping with historic use and provides a natural context for recalling the personalities that lived there and the events that took place. Continued site use also enables individuals to maintain direct links with their heritage through many of the same activities that made the place important to their ancestors.

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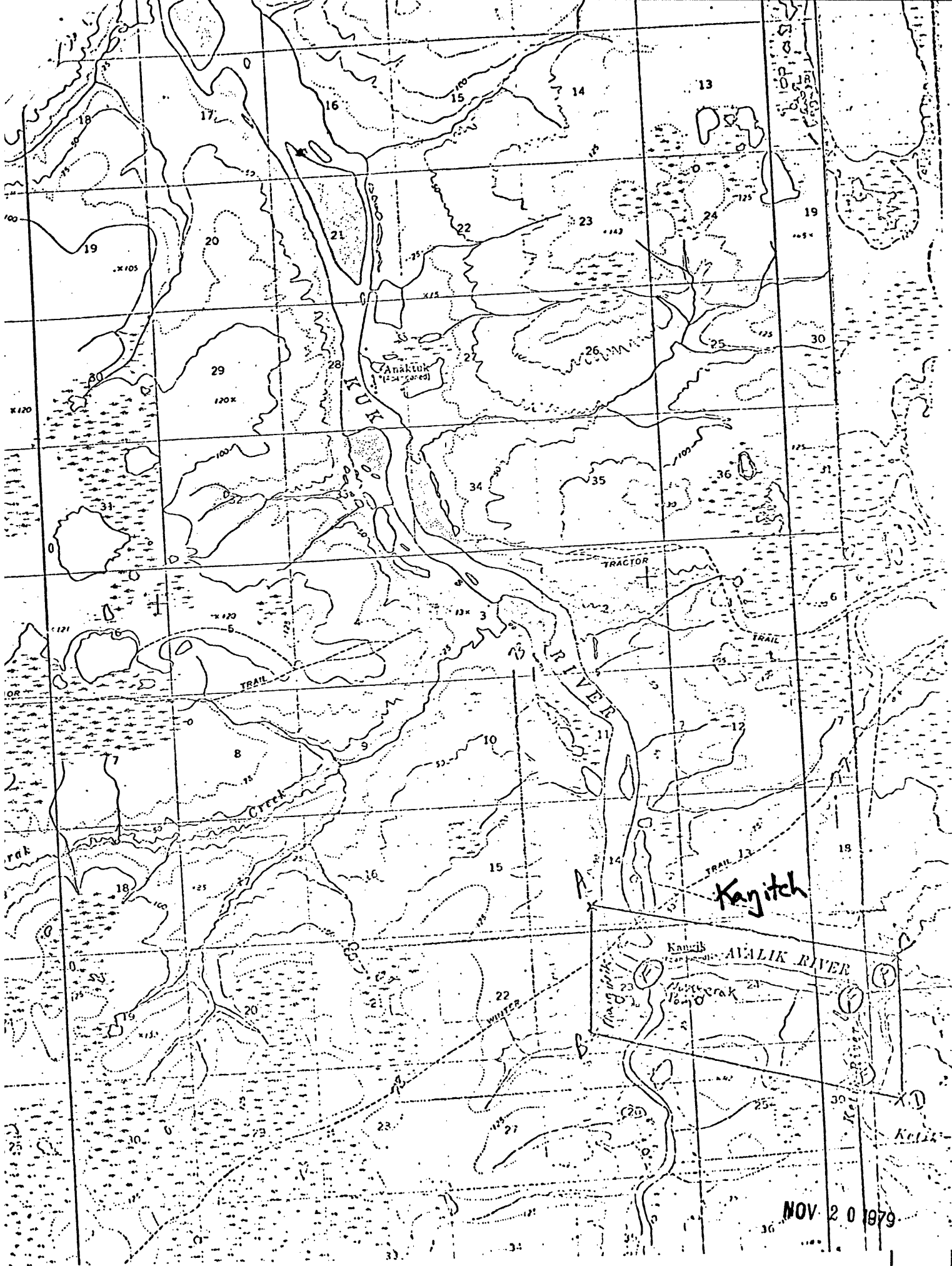
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- 5) Traditional Land Use Inventory prepared by the North Slope
Borough for Wainwright.



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Ivishaat

KUNGOK RIVER

Kilich Point

Ivishaat

Ivishaat Creek

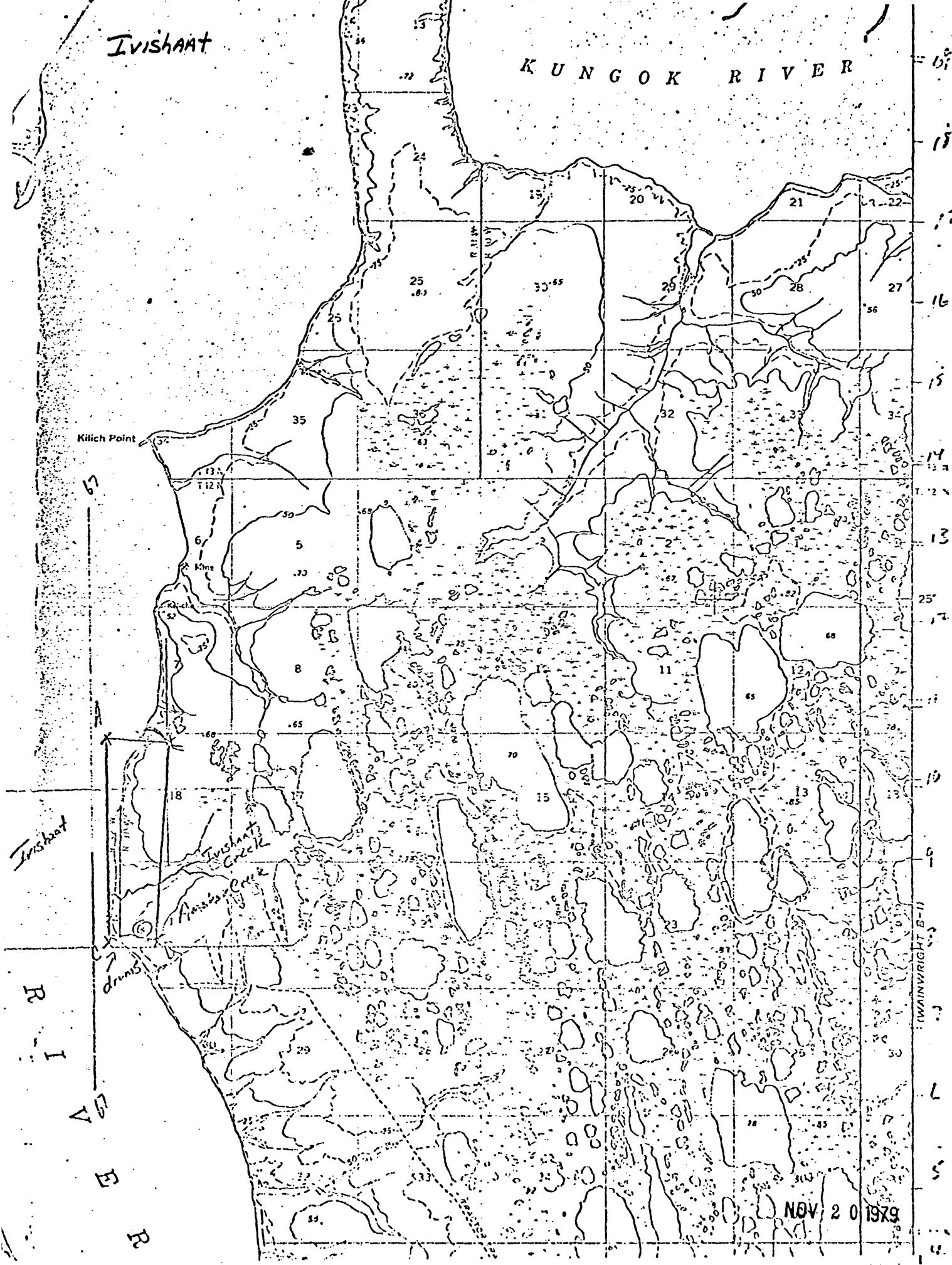
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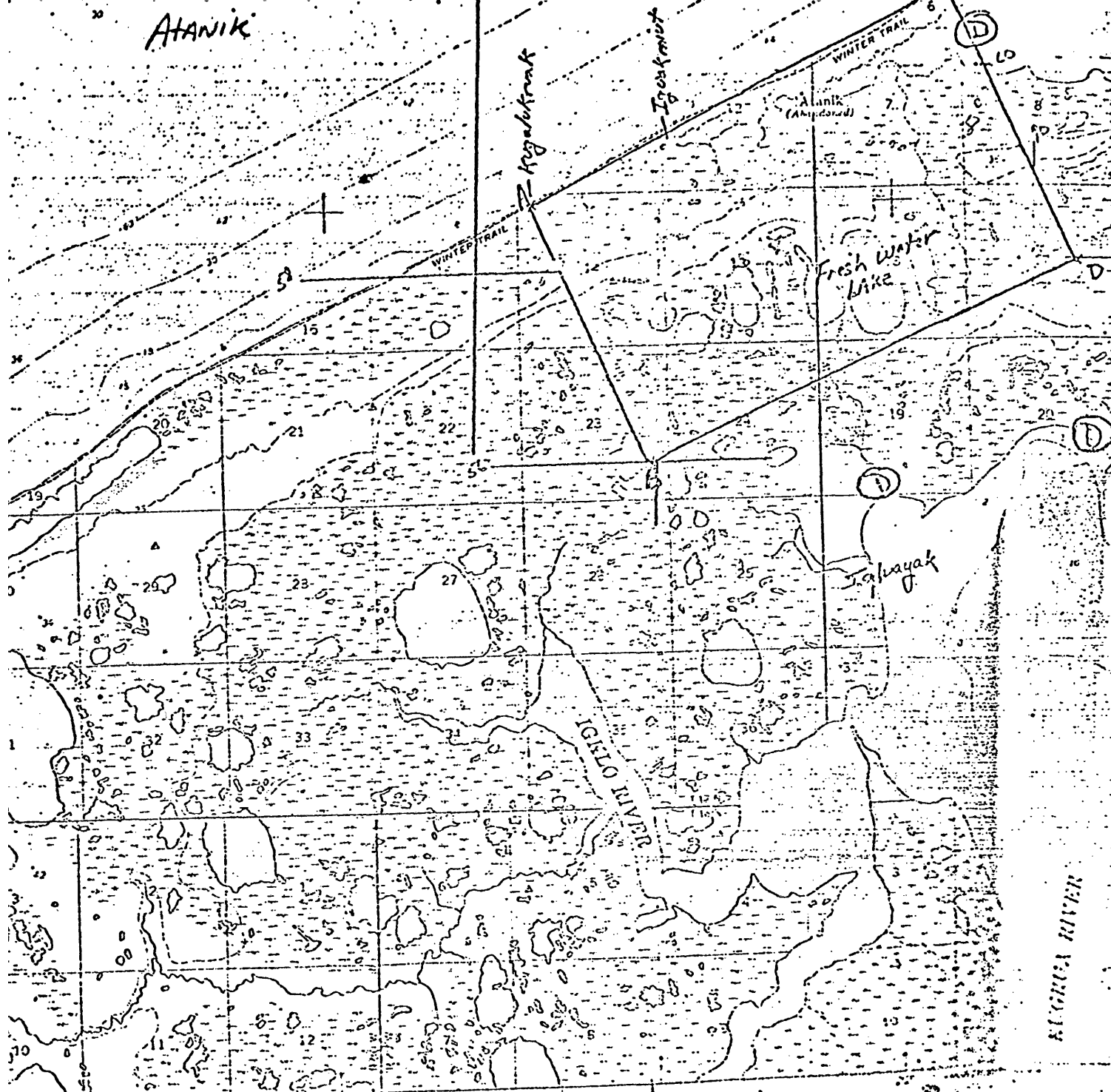
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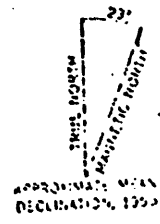
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Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs
 taken 1955, field annotated 1955. Map not field checked

Selected hydrographic data compiled from USC&GS
 Charts 9461 and 9462 (1956). This information is not
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Universal Transverse Mercator projection, 1927 North American datum
 10,000 foot grid based on Alaska coordinate system, zone 6
 1000 meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 4, shown in blue

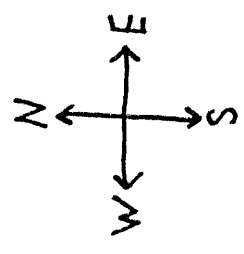
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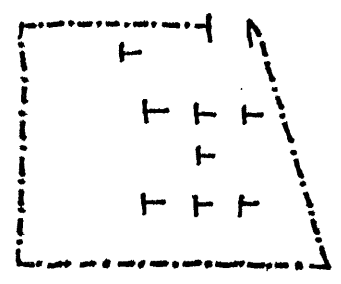
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Aluakpak



FRESH WATER CREEK



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Winders
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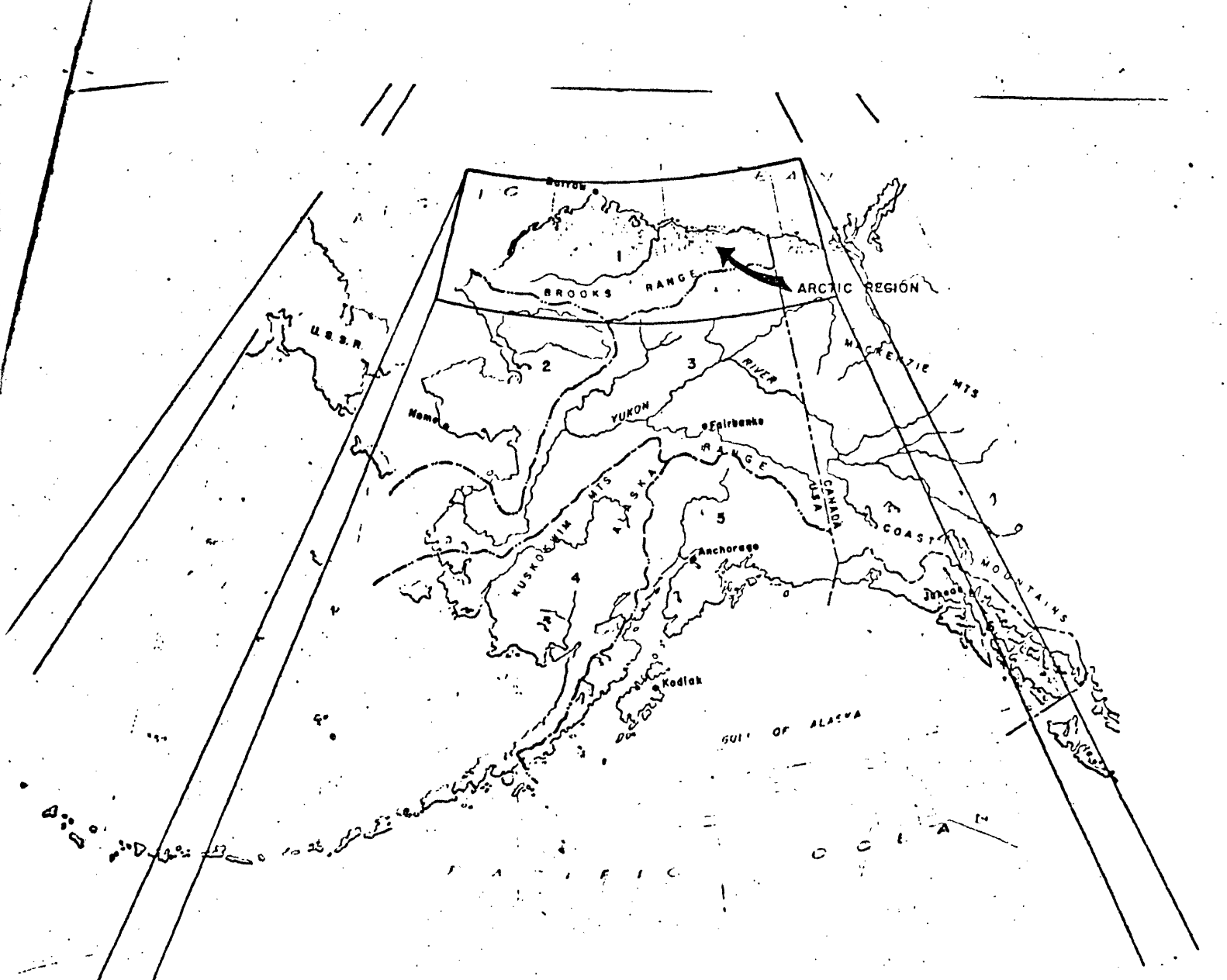
COAL VEIN

RED BURNED
ROCK

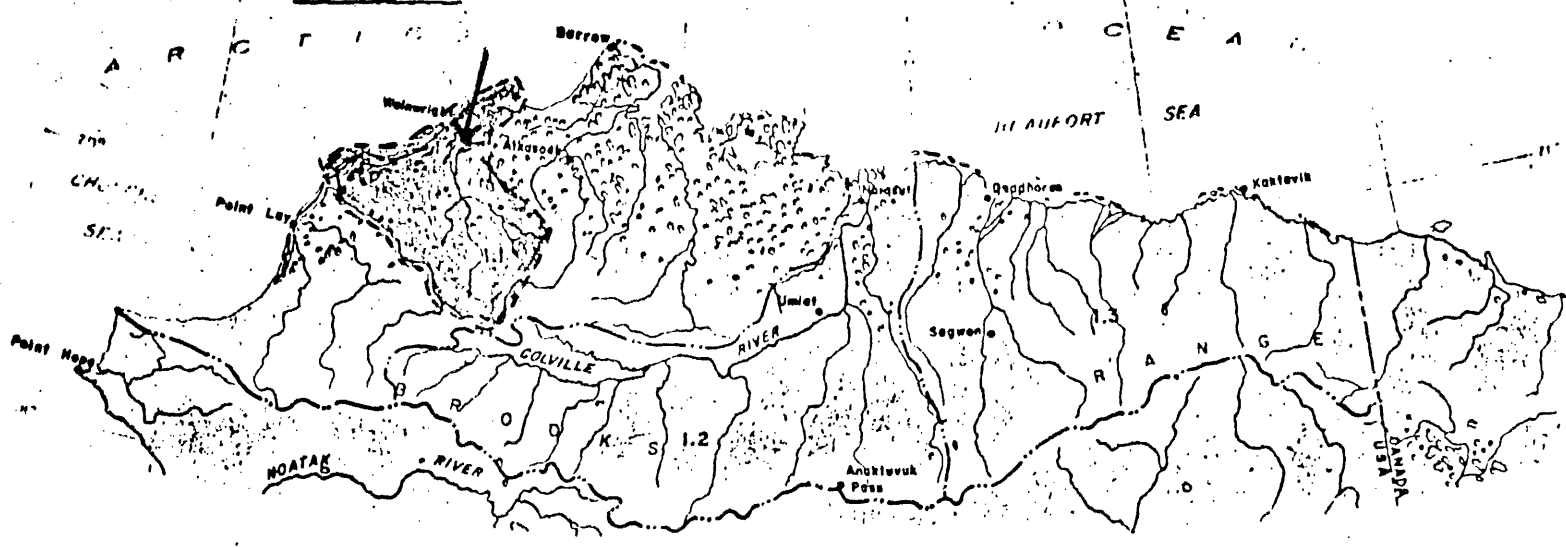


KUK
RIVER

- BANK
- PERIMETER OF
Old Camp
TENT STAKES



STUDY AREA



SOURCE: Alaska Regional Profiles, Arctic Region