



Fur seals are drawn to this boat in "Fur Seals Sporting Around the Baidar," by Henry W. Elliott, offshore from St. Paul Island in the 1870s. The illustration was printed in Elliott's book, "The Seal-Islands of Alaska," published by the U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., 1881.

Pribilof Islands

Talk to focus on fur seal history

Dr. Douglas W. Veltre will present an illustrated lecture — *Aleuts and Fur Seals in the Pribilof Islands* — at the Cook Inlet Historical Society meeting Thursday at 8 p.m. at the Anchorage Museum of History and Art.

The talk will focus on the history of the use of fur seals for both commercial and subsistence purposes and the impact of the halt to commercial fur seal hunting in 1983 on the residents of St. Paul and St. George. St. Paul celebrated the bicentennial of the

discovery of the island by Russian fur hunters this year, and the residents of St. George marked their island's 200th anniversary in 1986.

Veltre, associate professor of anthropology at the University of Alaska Anchorage, has been conducting archeological and anthropological fieldwork in the Aleutian Islands since 1971. In 1980 he made his first trip to the Pribilofs, most recently in 1986 he traveled to St. George to undertake an archeological survey of the early

Russian settlements.

Veltre received his B.A. from Brown University and his M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Connecticut.

He is a former president of the Alaska Anthropological Association and now serves on its board of directors. In addition to publications on the archeology of the Aleutians and Pribilofs, he has written on historical and contemporary Aleut subsistence.