News from Gambell

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The ice is here! Looks like the ice is here, the sea area is all icy look, broken up ice in piles. When the mass of ice that arrive from North in late fall, like a moving continent the weather usually clear up after very windy and stormy time. So when the ice hit the island, it will be just so calm and briskly crackling cold everywhere the sun so brightly shining from southern sky and in a few hours it will be setting at the horizon.

Men are out at the shore excitedly everyday, watching for the ice movement. There are icy continent animals arriving too: seals, okruks, walrus, polar bears and whales.

Some men would be coming home with seals in the evening. The other day a crew of men got a walrus. That's food for us, Eskimos, we still use them for food.

It is just cold, now, but we can be enjoying it with down parkies and seals skins, too. I'm gland we can use down parkies, the white man brought, because I don't want to kill our beautiful animals like seals. Thank you again white man, you have nice ways. Now a days we use snow machines everywhere. Men go out hunting with snow machines.