

Letters to the Tundra Times

Hopson Day

Dear Editor:

It was indeed a very special day to be long remembered and a real honor to be a part of many people who made it a very special effort to take part in the well deserved gathering to honor Mayor Eben Hopson at Barrow, Alaska.

I'm sure there were many more people who would have liked to be physically present for the special occasion and were not able to be there. However regardless of where people were, there is not doubt that they shared the special occasion on behalf of the village of Pt. Hope and the surrounding villages of the north slope. I wish to express my appreciation to Mayor Hopson for providing us with his strong leadership in creating the North Slope Borough.

The people of the North Hope Borough are experiencing tremendous long needed changes today. People are enjoying new houses, modern school buildings, power facilities etc.

Thanks for the creation of the North Slope Borough home ruled government.

Mayor Hopson has been our leader, still is our leader today and will continue to be our leader in years to come.

For the many friends and dignitaries that made it a special effort to be present in honoring Mayor Eben Hopson. I thank you on behalf of the North Slope Borough assembly, the City of Pt. Hope, and the surrounding villages of the North Slope Borough.

Sincerely,
Lennie Lane, Jr.
Mayor, City of Pt. Hope
and Assemblyman, NSB

Subsistence

August 14, 1979

John Hanson
Commissioner
Board of Game Alaska
Box 1
Alakanuk, Alaska 99554

Dear John:

Please find enclosed a copy of Mr. Phil Smith's letter to your fellow Alaska Board of Game Commissioner, Mr. Jim Rearden.

John as you know most Village people do not respond to trash such as Mr. Rearden's

newspaper item enclosed. However I will do so now.

"Subsistence Hunting"

Subsistence Hunting, is at this time, the very backbone of the "Small Villages" way of life. Please bring our thoughts to Mr. Rearden's attention. Mr. Rearden has named larger towns such as Nome, Barrow, Bethel and Kotzebue;

How about the 200 plus subsistence hunting small villages?

Thank you for taking this small burst out.

Sincerely,
Guy Martin
Subsistence Coordinator
Kawerak, Inc.
Box 948
Nome, Alaska

Seal harvest

Kwigillingok, Ak
August 7, 1979

Dear Editor:

I have just received the July 25 copy of the TUNDRA TIMES. And just got through reading about the article on St. Paul Island seal harvest.

If I understood right what I read, I don't think it is right for those outside people to bother with those people at St. Paul for seal harvest, if they make little money on seal harvest. But before I go on anymore let me say or write what I think. Who am I? I am only one poor eskimo who does not have any money, and one too poor to buy fish boat because I never made enough money to buy good fishing boat. There is no need to write about me because I have nothing to write about. Who is Alice Herrington, all I know about her is what I have read in TT that she is wealthy, and nead of Friends of the Animals. Why do some rich people want to make friends with animals, could it be because the animals don't beg for money or don't need money to buy food from stores like we people do. If those people want to make friends with animals, why don't they make friends with cows or pigs that are living near them or are cattle people too rich to be bothered. Or if they want to be friends with animals they should make their friends in the Zoo, where they can find animals without looking for them. And let alone the people at St. Paul, who harvest seals for a living. What is the difference between the cattle people and

St. Paul people? It is so simple that I can tell you the difference cattle people own cows and slaughter cows to get rich, and St. Paul Island people harvest seals for wages. And I

don't know what more they do at St. Paul because I have never been at St. Paul.

I have wanting to write about this for a long time, but I could not wait any longer and I hope St. Paul people will understand that there is one eskimo in the main land who is on their side.

Best regards,
David O. David

Friends of Aleuts

Kotzebue, Alaska
August 8, 1979

Dear Editor:

We were reading your article "Seal harvest ends, but controversy continues" on the July 25, 1979 edition. Someone came up with a suggestion on what to do with Alice Herrington of Friends of the Animals, how about throwing her in with a pack of wolves?

Sincerely,
Friends of the Aleuts

Greenpeace off base

Margarita Misikin
Seattle, WA
August 10, 1979

The Greenpeace Foundation
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Seattle, WA 98165

Dear Greenpeace members:

You have had a lot of news coverage on your cause to stop the Seal Harvest on St. Paul Island, Alaska. It is obvious you are defeating your purpose as conservationists, by making emotional statements on stop the killing of the poor seals. You are wrong in comparing and confusing the Canadian baby harp seals with the Alaskan fur seals. If you did your homework you would know that the United States has a conservation of the seal industry through an international treaty. Without such a treaty there will be pelagic sealing on the high seas. Eventually the seals will become extinct. It is the best way in preventing the slaughter of the (See MORE LETTERS on Page 13)