News from Gambell

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Out here at Gambell, on St. Lawrence Island, things are going on as usual. The ice is less and less, men are out hunting day and night for seals, walrus and whales. This time of the year, when the nights are not dark any more, men are out hunting those animals of the ocean around, day and night. People work on the skins of the seals, mukluks and meats form them. There are meats from those drying out doors, those are food for us.

Now a days something interesting is going on. There have been trips to Siberia. People go by air planes now, group just went a few days ago. Our people use to paddle across before the white man or people came with their powerful ways. We can see Siberia from Gambell, (Sivuqaq in our language). The mountains at the horizon to our north west is Russia.

The village clean up is going on, boy, it sure look better, so clean.