

AEWC

affirms unity

The Alaska Whaling Commissioner today emerged from two days of closed door meetings. Chairman Jacob Adams stated that the Commissioner affirmed the unity of all whalers on the arctic slope. "We will all stand together and operate under our own AEWc management plan."

The chairman and the commission members refused to disclose their plans for protecting the whale from environmental harm occasioned by proposed oil and gas developments. They also refused to discuss their own hunting, research, and weapons improvements plans. Chairman Adams said that details of AEWc plans will be disclosed in ensuing weeks after the plans have been finalized and after implementation schedules have been established.

The AEWc announced that only Chairman Jacob Adams was authorized to speak on behalf of the AEWc.

The AEWc elected new officers. Jacob Adams was re-elected as Chairman. Roger Silook was re-elected, Vice Chairman and John Oktollik was elected Secretary-Treasurer.