

Barrow News

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FAIRBANKS — Today is May 2, 1975 and hunters will never see sun disappear. Today is the day May 2 will give strong daylight 24 hours sunlight until three months from today.

Several tourists never believe that the sun never stays on the surface midnight. After they find out, some would say that Eskimos could raise crops but they found out that the weather temperature isn't hot enough to raise crops. But they said Arctic people or Eskimos had a wonderful land to live, very peaceful people, too.

FIRST WHALE

According to Mr. Roy Ahmaogak, Jr. who came in with his wife to Fairbanks from Barrow said that there is an excitement going where a messenger came into town with a flag, meaning a whale is already towed in to solid ice. And this whale was caught by Joash Ivik Tuklee, an Eskimo of Barrow.

After the village people had heard, they went out and help cut up the whale. He said this whale is a small one but everybody will partake some fresh muktuk and meat. Most important what old people most like is a heart and kidney.

After every cut is all hauled in to their meat cellars, owner of this fresh catch whale always set aside some for Nalukatuk festival, even for Thanksgiving and Christmas feast. Few days later another whale by Ben Kakeanak, also an Eskimo of Barrow. Junior said the whales are running north and too bad, Junior said, the ice is coming in back and canoes had to back up and moved to a safe place.

Ducks even started flying north in thick. The ice hadn't opened yet while he was there but it will open again in a near future.

BAR CLOSED

The new hotel that was in Barrow village had everything including lounge bar. But they closed the bar there.

The windows had been broken through and some others. They closed the bar a week ago and don't know when they will be open again.

GOVERNOR WISHES VISIT

Mr. Hammond, Alaska Governor, said not long ago when I met him said he would like to go to Barrow village and see people there.

I said to him it would be better to go up that is after the whalers come in to shore, because he can see real Nalukatuk going and festival free of charge.