

# **THE MARINE MAMMAL PROTECTION ACT OF 1972**

THE MARINE MAMMAL PROTECTION ACT OF 1972, 86 STAT. 1027, PUBLIC LAW 92-522, WAS SIGNED ON OCT. 21, 1972, AND HAS AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF DEC. 21, 1972.

AN IMMEDIATE EFFECT OF THIS LAW, AS WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, PROHIBITS US FROM BUYING SEAL SKINS, FROM NATIVES OR ANYONE ELSE, IF THESE SEAL SKINS WERE TAKEN AFTER DEC. 20, 1972.

SO, UNLESS THESE REGULATIONS ARE CHANGED, OR INTERPRETED DIFFERENTLY, PLEASE DO NOT SHIP US ANY MORE SEAL SKINS AS WE WOULD NOT BE CURRENTLY ALLOWED TO BUY THEM.

THIS LAW APPLIES ONLY TO MARINE MAMMALS AND WE CERTAINLY ARE STILL BUYING OTHER TYPES OF RAW FUR. AND WE MIGHT ADD THAT PRICES ARE UP ON MOST RAW FURS, ESPECIALLY THE LONG HAIR VARIETIES.

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