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Tundra Times



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Editorial Comment—

Tundra Times... Important Source of Roll Information

The taking of the roll of Alaska native people for land claims benefits is beginning to get into high gear. And Tundra Times is right in the thick of it, and will be for some two years.

This is the fact that should sink in in every native mind in Alaska and in other states—anywhere any Alaska native might be living. Tundra Times will be dispensing claims roll information being sent to it from Washington, D.C. and from appropriate officials and appropriate official sources. Tundra Times staff itself will be seeking out information concerning the roll and will try in every way to be accurate. We want to help bring true roll information to all the Alaska Natives everywhere and anywhere if possible.

We have been getting mail from Utah, California, and many other localities asking for information on land claims and the roll itself. This is very understandable because those people who have been writing in gain some important information. We would like to do more and the native people in Alaska can help us do this. They, more than anybody else, can tell, or know, where their relatives and friends are living in other states or countries. They can notify the natives living elsewhere where they can get information on the roll of the Alaska natives. And Tundra Times can be one of the best sources for this information.

We may sound a bit commercial about our request, and we are truthfully. We would not mind gaining more subscribers because of the roll. We are also saying that we will be dispensing highly important and accurate roll information through the months and months in the future. We know the Alaska native anywhere will benefit from the roll information so that they can benefit more from the Alaska native land claims settlement.

Gambell Hunters on Ice and Getting Game

By GRACE SLWOOKO
Gambell, Alaska

GAMBELL—Like all the time, menfolks at Gambell go out on the ice and watch for seals and walrus so much.

Everyday, there is someone out on the ice, either in pursuit of a herd of walrus or watching at the open water. There is not many times they come home with nothing.

Sometimes a man is alone when he watches for seals by the open water. Rugged ice moves around making open water here and there—the deep blue sea.

Always there is some live ani-

mal, but we watch for the hunters to catch them and use them for food and garment. Only the blubber is thrown away now as we have better heat and lights in the homes.

Years ago, we used to use this blubber for light and heat in the homes.

There are now some people that came and befriended our animals and take them out to the zoos. At first it was very odd to see our seals and walrus going into the airplanes!

Our people at first had superstitious feelings about this but that is gone now. We can get seals anytime in springtime and

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Letters from Here and There

CITY OF PORT LIONS
Port Lions, Alaska 99550
January 14, 1972

Governor William A. Egan
Office of the Governor
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Governor Egan:

As you know, the majority of the industry on Kodiak Island is the fisheries and for many years the average Native fisherman has been able to make a fairly decent living fishing the crab. I am sad to say that this is no longer so.

At one time there was a lot of salmon and crab off our shores and the Native fisherman was able to compete with their small boats. The majority of the Native fishermen were, and are, small boat owners. They were proud to be able to fish for crab in very cold and rough seas around the island during the long winter months and mostly they were glad they could make a living for themselves and their families.

They never heard of food stamps and only the old and weak were on welfare. Regrettably for the Natives, this has all passed. For one reason or another the Native cannot afford the new larger modern boats that are catching all the crab way out at sea and by the time the king crab come in close where the small boats can catch them the quota for our area is full and the season is closed.

With the high cost of living the Native can no longer fish for salmon alone and survive. There seems to be no concern for the Native fisherman who has played an important part in our fishing history and now must live here poor when the owners of the larger vessels go south after a good season. With the quota system the way it is the small boat owner can no longer expect to make a living all winter long and this poses a very serious economic problem

for our Natives. Our people don't want to go on welfare and it would be a shame on our state if they did.

Either the Federal government or the state should make it easier for a Native to obtain larger boats or a new and more fair fisheries regulation be made whereby we can continue to support ourselves as we have in the past. It seems a great deal of emphasis is given to our oil industry. While this is great for the already fat and rich oil magnates, don't forget that probably 75% of our peoples' livelihood depends on the fisheries and no matter how much oil we produce unless the fisherman can catch fish we will all be liabilities to the state instead of assets. We have no objection to the large boat owners who come up from the lower 48 and make a very good living from our waters. We want to be able to compete with them.

We want to be able to send our sons and daughters to college. We want to bring our

living standards up. Therefore, we the smalltown fisherman, who make up most of the fisherman in the state of Alaska, do humbly ask you to give very serious consideration to our problems.

Sincerely yours,
/s/HERMAN HAAKENSON, SR.
Chairman, City Council

Kodiak, Alaska 99615
Feb. 2nd, 1972

Dear Editor:

It has been on my mind for a number of years, so I must know.

Why don't they call the Eskimo Olympics that they have yearly in Fairbanks the Eskimo and Indian Olympics or Vise Versa?

Let me know in the Tundra Times, our beautiful newspaper.

Thank you,
/s/ E. Calahan

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Co-op Manager

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