

95.5% VOTER TURNOUT

Total 64 registered voters out of the total enrollment of registered voters for Shungnak of 67.

This represents a total of 95.5% of the registered voters in Shungnak who strongly oppose any roads or railroads into or through the Kobuk River Valley.

(It should be noted that two men were gone from the village when this petition was circulated, and both have indicated they would have signed.)

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PETITION

We the undersigned, residents and registered voters of the City of Shungnak, Alaska hereby express our strong opposition to any road or railroad into or through the Kobuk River Valley. We feel that improved air transport will better serve our interests and cause far fewer undesirable changes to our way of life.

Levi Cleveland
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Lorena Commack
Homer Cleveland Sr.
Vera Cleveland
Vera Douglas
Leonard Douglas
Stanley Custer
Sally A. Lee
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George O. Cleveland
Sophie Cleveland
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Clara M. Stalker
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Elizabeth Jackson
Napoleon Black
Mildred Black
Larry Custer
Bessie Custer
Ernest Berry
Nora Custer
Ruth Cleveland
Annie Lee
Charlie Lee
Lottie Sheldon
Albert Commack
Darold Sun
James Commack
Daniel Sun
Flora Cleveland

Pansy Berry
Susie A. Sun
Florence Douglas
Emma Berry
Margaret M. Sheldon
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Nellie Griest
Edward Lee
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Joe Sun
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Frank Cleveland
Charlie Cleveland
Edna Commack
Lizzie Lee
Irene M. Douglas
Ronald Jorgensen
Margaret Jorgensen
Harold B. Smith
Terry Lee
Billy Custer
Mabel Douglas
Gene T. Lee Sr.

Arctic Survival – From Caribou-Parkas, Mukluks, Ice Cream

(Editor's Note: During the first several years of publication of the Tundra Times, Howard Rock wrote a series of articles about the traditional way of life of Arctic peoples. Entitled "Arctic Survival," the series was popular with many readers, including the late Senator E.L. "Bob" Bartlett who entered one of the stories in the Congressional Record. The Tundra Times has received numerous requests for reprinting the stories.

By HOWARD ROCK

The majestic, restless animal, the caribou, is classed by the Eskimos as extremely important in survival.

This animal abounds in great numbers in the central and north coastal regions of Alaska and Canada.

To the ancient Eskimo, caribou was most vital since it meant food, sinew and clothing.

The Eskimo considers caribou one of the finest items in his diet. The obtaining of caribou meat is something of an event.

Fresh caribou not only excites the palate of the Eskimo but means gift giving of pieces of it to friends and the needy. The fat caribou is most desired for fat is used in making the Eskimo dessert, Akootuk or Eskimo ice cream.

This is how Akootuk is made. The fat or suet of the caribou is cleaned and diced, put in a cooking pot, and after rendering, it is allowed to cool to the point where it will not burn the hand of the woman preparing Akootuk.

The woman stirs and whips the cooling fat vigorously. At intervals small amounts of seal oil or whale oil are added. As the whipping continues, the suet slowly turns gray. After further whipping, the fat becomes snow white and of a consistency similar to cake icing.

At this stage thoroughly cooked finely ground caribou meat is added little by little until the mixture is quite thick, then diced caribou meat is added.

After this, when desired and providing the supply is available, blackberries are added.

After Akootuk is allowed to freeze, it is ready to be served as a treat for all.

In the old days the sinew of the caribou was a most needed item. At present, although still being used, sinew is being replaced by dental floss, which the Eskimo woman finds is a

good substitute. The Eskimo woman would have been hard put without sinew. She used it for thread to sew clothing for her family.

Sinew is taken from the legs of the caribou. But choice sinew is taken from the back, from a tapering layer that extends from the base of the neck and flares out at the rump.

Heavy and thick at the base, the sinew layer gradually thins and flares out.

This layer of sinew is removed and meat and tissue is scraped off thoroughly. When ready to be dried, it is watered and spread on a flat piece of wood.

When thoroughly dry, it is ready for use as thread.

The skin of the caribou has many necessary uses. It is ideal as winter clothing. After tanning, it is supple and pliable and makes light and warm parka material.

In summer, the hair of the caribou gets to be about half an inch or three quarter inch in length. It is then that caribou are hunted for clothing and of course for food. This precise thickness is considered as ideal for parkas.

The thick winter coat of the caribou has important uses also. It is used as matting in the house and for bench cushions.

The most important use of the winter coat is for sleeping bags. The ancient Eskimo used it as such when away from the village to hunt, or at camps.

Skin from the legs of caribou are "just what the doctor ordered" for mukluks.

Caribou was one of the most needed animals the ancient Eskimo had to have. Its meat, skin and sinew were utilized in an ideal manner and was vital in the survival of the Eskimos in the Arctic.

Letters

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zation of Noorvik has worked for the past two months raising nearly \$4,000 to help bring high school students home for the holidays and illustrates the strong desire on the part of parents to have their children home. Some of these students who come home for the holidays will not be returning to Mt. Edgecumbe and Kenai which makes it even more important and doubly insistent that we have the assurance as soon as possible that the above proposal or a similar one be instigated at once.

Your kind and immediate attention to this proposal will be very much appreciated by each and every child and parent of the Noorvik community.

Sincerely,

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