

"I may not agree with a word you say but I will defend unto death your right to say it." — Voltaire

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Larry D. Nicholia— In Memorium

This was written for my brother, Larry D. Nicholia, who died in Tanana on the 19th day of October 1975. I wrote this out of feeling-love-unity which I feel he has brought to us. He was our brother and friend but most of all he was and felt Indian. He has brought us much happiness and we loved him for this. I read this at the funeral. On behalf of the Nicholia family I say thank you for everything everyone has done to help us in the time of our sorrow, and this is meant deep within my heart.

Love,
Eleanor Nicholia
Tanana, Alaska

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We have felt at one time or another the love our brother Larry had to offer. In many ways I feel the unity he has brought into our family and friends. I am most happy that we were able to touch hearts with one another. For now I feel we are at peace with each other. I talk of feeling because it is a self-explanatory word.

I KNEW I FELT
I KNOW I FEEL
FOR I AM INDIAN

A time I can remember Larry said to me, "El, don't you feel how strong the Nicholia name is." He has made me understand, to love, to feel, to feel the togetherness we as people should have for one another and I talk of feeling the unity with our brothers and sisters. There are two songs that come to my mind. One is "Give Me Strength So I Can Carry On," the other is "I Get By With A Little Help From My Friends."

Many of Larry's friends called him "chief," this I feel is true because he made me understand many, many beautiful countless things. I thank him for that from the bottom of my heart. He felt strongly for the Nicholia name but most of all he was a proud Indian, always smiling. Larry was beautiful people. May he continue his journey in peace for this is only the beginning.

The Political Limited Entry

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You have heard of the fishermen of Alaska,
From the ones that have traveled to see,
Now, there are a few things I'd like to ask you,
One is, Why do we need LIMITED ENTRY?

The fishermen of Alaska have fished all their life,
And that is the way it should always be;
Working to make a decent living for their wife,
Knowing that there is no need for an unwanted Limited Entry?

Some have been hand-trolling most every day,
In a small skiff, on the rough waters of the sea,
Because they make a living that way;
And now they are wondering, why do we need a Limited Entry?

All hand-trollers have one thought as their goal,
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Letters from Here and There

Stickman Wants To Move But Weather Cold

Nulato, Alaska
Nov. 16, 1975

Mr. Howard Rock, Tundra Times Editor, Fairbanks, Alaska
Dear Friend:

Today, Nov. 16, is the day the trapping season used to open when I used to make my living trapping. Of course I didn't wait till the season opens. I used to have a few skins to sell years ago.

Nobody is moving yet including myself. I have been ready to go out for 10 days but too cold, 45 below zero this morning. So I'm going to Mass instead.

My woodpile and oil is going down fast.

Quite a few people building their houses here but the weather is cold and the material is hard to get. Lot of material here to build for the old people laying out in the rain for two years or so. Me, I'm too young yet. I'm left out. It's a good thing as I wouldn't live long enough to enjoy it. Anyway, living in a modern house is not for me. I feel better in my old dirty house. I feel more at home.

I was just wondering why the government don't see to it that I work. They're losing \$600 a week besides I'm drawing \$90 a week. If everyone is like me, look at how much the government is getting behind. Maybe I should run for the House then I would try to straighten things out instead of wearing out my lead pencil. It's just about empty.

You have to live in the village and see what we need and how the fishing and everything else work. I can't understand how these white collar workers make laws for us and stop our fishing over the telephone.

I hope someone would answer one of my letters so I can fight with my pencil.

Remember you cannot draw old age pension. It goes under welfare. If you make \$200 a month you cannot draw Social Security or old age. That's been the law and still is. If I'm not working I spend \$600 to \$700 a month easy. I can't live on Social Security or old age. I'd starve to death.

Fred Stickman, Sr.

Musk Ox Controversy Is Subject

Nov. 2, 1975

Nunam Kitlutsisti
Tundra Drums
KYUK
Bethel, Alaska

Dear Sirs:

Being only a citizen of Nunivak Island for 30 some odd years, and not claiming to be an expert on the controversial animal, the MUSK-OX or how and who are to have access to, or have priority in killing the animal, I would also like to express some factors why I believe "monied" hunts are not stupid or a "joke" as stated by the Nunam Kitlutsisti news-

letter for September (Vol. 1, No. 6).

Firstly, the people of Nunivak, not having very many 8-5 hour jobs welcome these hunts. This means a warm pair of boots for the kids and a warm shack to live in in the winter months and other staples from our civilized counterparts food stuff such as flour, sugar, coffee, tea among other things, which we Nunivak Eskimos have acquired a taste for in the short time civilization has been introduced to our "Island."

Secondly, it favors both the state and the federal people in reduction of the herd which they claim is too large, instead of just "laying them down" This way the locals get to make a dollar out of the proposition.

Thirdly, Nunivak is unique in its way as far as red meat goes because we are fortunate enough to have reindeer, seal and a walrus or two, if we are lucky in certain years. As you can see it would not make much sense to hunt these animals for subsistence purposes while we can make a little income out of the "monied hunts."

Lastly, it is our concern if this fine thing that is going for us out in the Island have too much adverse reaction from parties and individuals that should be pulling for the welfare of Native (Eskimo) people, it will jeopardize the entire program, not just for the present time but also for the future.

Nunam Kitlutsisti's Eskimo interpretation is "protector of land." I don't feel it ought to involve itself where it does not belong in the first place. I don't recall nine biologists out here either from the State Department of Fish and Game.

Neither was there anyone from the federal Fish and Wildlife in the number stated by the newsletter. Nunam Kitlutsisti should be prepared to back up such harsh statements and accusations before attempting to publicize or "air" (radio) them in the future, or attempt to do some foot work prior such malicious foolishness when the situation involves the lives of people that it does not know what the consequences might be.

We, the humble citizens of Nunivak are only sorry that the entire AVCP region couldn't have benefitted from the program. Perhaps in the future, things will change for the better, with more transplants of the animal to areas where it will be feasible. Then the people that are short on red meat can subsistence hunt.

It also does not seem very logical for a subsistence hunter to come out here since the expenses aren't exactly cheap. The individual would almost have to travel by air or chance being stormbound enroute or even jeopardizing his or her life because the open season in the summer months is in the fall and for those of you that know the Bering Sea at that time of the year (fall) it isn't exactly a pleasure cruise like in the Caribbean. This of course excludes a connoisseur of rare meats such as musk-ox, then that individual will probably not stop at anything.

If you experts on such matters are so quick in ridiculing such moves made for the benefit of Native (Eskimo) people we welcome you to come and

hold one of our animals to be shot any time. We will provide you necessary transportation from the village and return IF you do return. We would also advise a good insurance policy taken out before attempting such a trip.

We are always trying to improve our systems on better living daily, a chore by itself.

We will welcome and are open to criticism only of constructive nature, please. If you are to joke and ridicule, don't bother.

In closing, on behalf of the citizens of Nunivak and the Musk-Ox Committee, I would like the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, especially Mr. Robert Hinman, and the federal Fish and Wildlife Service to know and thank them for their unselfish time and effort in making the trial hunt a great success. Thank you again. And the Alaska Guide Board for their leniency on the whole thing.

Sincerely,
Nunivak Musk-Ox Committee
Larson King, chairman

Economic Potential

FAIRBANKS — The economic potential of the Alaska clam industry is the subject of a new 14-page report published by the University of Alaska Sea Grant Program in cooperation with the university's Institute of Marine Science.

Entitled "The Alaska Clam Fishery: A Survey and Analysis of Economic Potential," the new report concludes there will be "significant growth" of the Alaska clam industry if certain events occur.

These events: Alaska's obtaining and maintaining membership in the National Shellfish Sanitation Program; introduction of environmentally safe clam dredges; devotion of more resources to clam source beach certification and monitoring; and transferring of harvesting efforts for bait razor clams (used in dungeness crab fishing) to non-certified beaches.

"Given the probable occurrence of these events, it is not unrealistic to expect annual harvests of around five million pounds shell weight within the next decade," says the report. "The value to the fishermen of such a harvest will likely be in excess of \$2 million."

The report — containing sections on history, regulation, harvesting, processing and marketing — was written by Dr. Franklin L. Orth, associate professor of economics, Dr. Howard M. Feder, professor of marine science, and John Williams, assistant professor of seafood science, all of the University of Alaska, and Major Charles Smelser of the U.S. Army.

Copies of the report can be obtained by writing the Alaska Sea Grant Program, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701.



It was a medieval saint, St. Bernard (NOT the one the dogs are named after), who first used the expression "love me, love my dog." It occurred in his first sermon.