

Seals Change from Sow's Ear to Silk Purse

Alaska's hair seals, once considered a nuisance by commercial fishermen, are rapidly gaining important economic stature, according to the Al-

aska Department of Fish and Game.

Choice pelts nowadays bring as much as 40 or 50 dollars as compared to 20 dollars in past years. This year hunters harvested over 60,000

of which 50,000 were sold as skins.

More than \$700,000 was paid for seal skins this year. The present market appears favorable for continuing high prices.

On the European market seal coats command prices up to \$1000, boots up to \$40, and purses sell for about \$10.