Norton Sound dog race Jan. 7

Unalakleet - The Norton Sound Sled Dog Club says it will sponsor a 200-mile race Jan. 7 along a portion of the Iditarod Trail. Mushers will go from Unalakleet to Kaltag and back. A 20-mile loop north of Kaltag will make it 200 miles, and thereby qualify anyone who completes the race for the 1,049-mile Iditarod in March. Tia Wilson said about a dozen mushers are expected to compete for the \$5,000 purse to be divided among the first five finishers. Among the race rules is one prohibiting mushers from dropping any dogs along the way.