

Pt. Hope Hunters Bag 3 Whales

POINT HOPE — Three bow-head whales were caught this week at the village of Point Hope, and the successful whaling captains were: Joe Frankson, John Oktollik and Allen Rock.

All three whales were small, measuring from 25 to 35 feet, but representing about 60 tons of muktuk and meat for the Point Hope folks.

Oktollik and Rock's whales

were caught within one hour, which created much excitement within the village. They were caught on April 23.

Whaling was suspended on April 24 due to high winds blowing from the Northeast.

Whalers are confident that they will catch more, considering that April catches are rather rare. Most whales usually are caught at Point Hope in the month of May.