

Whale harvest begins

As this issue of the Tundra Times goes to press, three whales have been taken from Alaskan waters, and others struck. The first whale of the season was taken in Savoonga, where whalers landed a 44-foot female bowhead.

One week later, a boat captained by Anthony Pelowak was capsized by a whale which the whalers had harpooned. All the whalers were

rescued, but the whale filled the Savoonga quota, even though it was never recovered.

Two whales were landed this past weekend in Gambell. Alex Ozeva was the captain who brought one in and Ralph Appatiki the other. Two more whales were struck but lost at Point Hope. Three whales have been struck at Barrow, and whalers are waiting to see if they will be able to retrieve two of them.