

Six Whales at Barrow, Four At Pt. Hope

The big Eskimo village of Barrow is enjoying a great supply of fresh bowhead whale muktuk and meat. Six whales have been caught by the whalers within a week or so.

Sam Taalak, executive director of the Arctic Slope Native Association, said that one caught by Winfred Ahvakana and his crew is reported to be around 75 tons.

"It's a monster—a big one,"

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said Taalak.

He said that men were cutting up the whale in the water as it was too big to pull up on the ice.

Wyman Panigeo, mayor of Barrow, was the first man to catch a whale last week. Since then he has caught another.

Others who caught whales are: Alfred Leavitt, Allen Kaleak, and Simeon Patkotak.

Allen Rock has joined three other whaling captains at Point Hope when he and his crew caught one very recently. Others are: Amos Lane, Joe Frankson and Billy Webber.