

Spring Time in Gambell

3 Whale Takes at St. Lawrence Is.

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GAMBELL — It is spring time in Gambell, Alaska. That means gravel is seen more and more as the snow is melting away.

And the men are out with their boats hunting. The ice is breaking up a little and is scattered more.

In the first week of April, Stanley Cozenvaseuk's boat got a whale here. It was a little one. The ice was not closed in too much.

Then in the middle of April, Nathan Noongwook's boat got one at south side of the island. Nathan lives in Savoonga, another village on St. Lawrence Island.

Today, another whale is caught at same place, Powoowelek, that is in southwest cape of the island. Lots of men have gone down to work on the whale with snow machines. It is some 40 miles from here.

And that is where another village used to be years ago but only one family camps there in summer time.

For the last couple of years Nathan Noongwook has gone for whaling there and he got one everytime.

Akeya's boat from Savoonga went there too this year. It is his boat that got one today. He also is from Savoonga, but everyone always go to get his share when one whale is caught. That's why all the young men are needed from here.

Vernon Slwooko went there too last year.

There is always lots of work this time of year. Snow machines really come in handy.