



Tyonek Elder gets year's first beluga

Fred Bismark, a Tyonek Elder, pulled this year's first beluga whale onto the beach in front of the Cook Inlet village. Tyonek residents believe that the capture of a beluga is a good sign, that people will prosper.

The day was special, as Tyonek held the Emil McCord Memorial Sobriety Potlatch on May 11. Guest speakers included Kathy Grosdidier, executive director of Southcentral Foundation, Bart Garber, attorney and village member from Tyonek, and Art Standifer, Tyonek resident.

Emil McCord, Jr., son of McCord, was the master of ceremony.

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