

# Two Whales Taken By Allen Rock

Up till last Tuesday, two bow-head whales have been caught at Point Hope and both were bagged by Allen Rock and his crew.

According to Point Hopers, the whales were rather small each measuring 29 feet. One whale was caught outright but the other whale escaped but was found dead four days later.

Last Tuesday, whale hunting conditions at the village were said to be almost ideal with much open water on the sea ice. Whales were seen to be running.

Earlier in the season, since around the middle of April, hunting conditions were not good with the south wind keeping the leads closed.

Point Hope now has two big reasons for a three-day whaling celebration that will take place

sometime around the second week of June. Within the last ten years or so, people up to 200 from other villages have come to witness the celebration at Point Hope.

Up in Barrow, the whalers there have now caught eight. The biggest one is said to be 70 feet with the baline length of 12 feet. The mammoth animal was caught by Tom Brower's crew.

Barrow's version of the whaling celebration will take place sometime later than that of Point Hope due to the later duration of the Barrow whaling season. Barrow whalers, however, have caught some of their whales unusually early this year.

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