

Eskimo Methods Sometimes Beat Most Modern

A Barrow Eskimo has found that Native hunting methods can sometimes beat the most modern techniques.

Tommy Napageak recently guided Lt. Com. David Haynes from Kodiak on a polar bear hunt, using dog sleds for transportation. The two left Barrow at noon of the first day and set up a camp on the ice.

The next morning, the two work up at 6 a.m. and, only two hours later, Haynes shot an eight-foot bear.

In the meantime, many hunters had been sitting around the hotel in Barrow waiting for the weather to clear up enough for flying.

Napageak then took a second navy man on a hunt and,

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although they were chased off the ice by a windstorm, the hunter commented that the trip itself was a rewarding experience.

Several persons employed at Barrow, after observing both the dog sled and airplane hunts, have expressed interest in hunting bear next year by sled.