

***Probe Ordered—***

# **Cable Traps Caribou**

**JUNEAU**—Governor Keith H. Miller ordered a full scale investigation of reports that several caribou on the North Slope had become entangled recently in cable used in seismic operations.

Miller said he had been told by the Department of Natural Resources that at least four caribou were trapped in cable that should have been retrieved after it was used. Present evidence indicates that one caribou died from exhaustion, while three were cut loose and freed.

"We cannot overlook the serious consequences of carelessness in operating on the North Slope," the Governor said in ordering the investigation. "Nor will we tolerate further incidents of this nature."

"If the outcome of our review indicates lack of responsibility on the part of the industry and their

contractor employees, they will be required to give unqualified assurance that this will not happen again," he said. "If we do not receive this assurance, the State will be forced to place on-site inspectors with each crew and the costs will have to be borne by the contractors."

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judging people by appearances.

—DE LA FONTAINE