

Soviets: Polar Bear Hunters Violate Airspace

JUNEAU—Gov. Walter J. Hickel's office this week said the Federal Aviation Administration has reported violations of Russian airspace by polar bear hunters flying out of Alaska.

In a report to the governor, Public Safety Commissioner Mel J. Personett said that that state trooper Robert J. Boatright of Kotzebue received the first violation reports from the FAA station there.

The State Department reportedly has received protests from the Soviet Union.

The FAA is broadcasting warnings to pilots in the area, and Trooper Boatright is attempting to personally contact local pilots involved in polar bear hunting.

Polar bear hunters usually fly out to the Chukchi Sea out of Kotzebue and Point Hope.