

Fairbanks ivory dealer jailed

Fairbanks ivory dealer Douglas O'Neill has been sentenced to six months in jail and \$21,000 in fines for his conviction on six counts of illegally dealing in walrus ivory. O'Neill, owner of TCR's ivory shop in Fairbanks, was convicted last month in federal court of four counts of illegal

possession and sale of walrus ivory. He also was convicted of two counts of improper shipment of walrus tusks. The federal Marine Mammal Protection Act allows only Alaska Natives to hunt walrus and possess walrus ivory. The ivory can only be sold to non-Natives after it has been crafted.