

Alaska Peninsula Seal Bounty No Longer Effective As of Today

Effective today, April 21, 1967, a bounty will no longer be paid on seals taken along the Alaska Peninsula, the Aleutian Chain or any of the waters in the Gulf of Alaska and Southeastern Alaska.

Seals taken before the deadline in areas where the bounty will no longer apply may be bountied only if an affidavit and claim are executed and dated before the effective date, according to the provisions of the new bill. This means that claims will

have to be filled out and dated on or before April 20.

Senate Bill 131, signed by Governor Hickel on April 16, provides that the seal bounty will apply only to seals "inhabiting the inland and coastal waters of Alaska west of 159 degrees west longitude or north of 69 degrees north latitude, except the waters south of 58 degrees north latitude."

Loren W. Croxton, South-central Regional Game Supervisor at Anchorage, said the new bill in effect means that the only area in South-central Alaska where the bounty still applies is west and north of Cape Constantine in Bristol Bay, where seals are an important subsistence

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200 Navajos To Work at Missile Plant

The Navajo Indian Tribe and the Pomona (Calif.) Division of General Dynamics Corp. have joined forces to establish a missile parts plant at Fort Defiance, Ariz., announces the Tribe, the Company and the Department of the Interior.

Operations will consist mainly of electronic component and circuit assemblies for flight and guidance of the Standard Missile, a tactical weapon for use in U.S. Navy vessels.

The Pomona Division of General Dynamics has developed a series of tactical missiles for the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and armed forces of allied countries. Among these is the new standard missile for which General Dynamics was recently awarded a multi-million dollar Defense Department production contract.

Operations at the Fort Defiance site will consist of production and supporting services necessary to flight and guidance of the missiles.

Jobs will include assembly, welding, inspection, repair, and preparation of parts for loading into encapsulation (protective) equipment, as well as supporting activities.

The lease of a five-acre plant site on Navajo property was negotiated between the Tribe and the Company with the unanimous approval of the Tribal Council. The Tribe will also construct the 26,000-square-foot manufacturing facility, under terms of the agreement.

Three-fourths of the construction costs will be repaid during the first five years of the lease, which is to run for 15 years with renewal options annually to the lessee after the first five years.

A yearly payroll of \$500,000 to \$750,000 is expected, with 200 Navajos comprising the bulk of the work force when production reached capacity. Operations will commence this fall in a temporary facility, with 20 to 35 Navajos employed initially.

Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall, in making the announcement from Washington, said:

"The Navajo Tribe is to be congratulated for its business acumen in inviting General Dynamics to expand in an area where it will help an Indian community. Not only does the event mean increased income to the Tribe and to individual workers, but it heralds the advance of the space age into the Navajo world."

"General Dynamics also deserves commendation for its readiness to venture into a relatively remote community in order to spread some of the benefits of its new defense contract to the Indian people."

Establishment of the enterprise will mark the second electronic manufacturing facility on the vast Navajo Reservation, where nearly 20% of the total American Indian population lives.

Fairchild Instrument Corp., of New York, employs 300 Navajos at a transistor assembly plant opened last year at Shiprock, N.M., on the reservation.

Halibut Connoisseurs Confused By 'Greenland' Halibut Specie

A product known as "Greenland" halibut is being confused by some food shoppers as true halibut, H. E. Crowther, acting director of the Interior Department's Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, said recently.

"Greenland halibut is an entirely different species," Crowther said. "It is smaller and generally different in taste and texture from true halibut." Also, he said, some store displays and advertisements in publications drop the word "Greenland" in identifying the product, or put it in small print.

"Our concern is not with the amount of Greenland halibut that may be consumed, but rather with the reaction of consumers who may purchase this product and confuse it with North Pacific halibut," Crowther said.

"Although Greenland halibut is a good food on its own merits, the uninformed consumer might be unprepared for the difference in flavor and texture," Crowther added. "The result could cause economic injury to the United States halibut fishing industry."

This potential problem for the domestic halibut industry, which is concentrated on the West Coast, has been brought to public attention by members of Congress.

Reports from the industry indicate some marketing difficulties with the 1966 West Coast halibut catch, the Bureau says.

The Bureau attributes the difficulty, at least in part, to heavy imports of Greenland halibut, which is caught in the North Atlantic and which sells at lower prices.

Nearly all of the imports have been received in the New England area, but the product is retailed throughout the United States, the Bureau reports.

Greenland halibut has other

common names: turbot, Greenland turbot, American turbot, and blue halibut.

The Halibut Association of North America informed the Bureau it has petitioned the Food and Drug Administration to require that Greenland halibut be marketed in the United States under another name.

The Alaska State Legislature met a similar plea to the Senate Commerce Committee in Washington, D. C., noting that Atlantic and Pacific halibut "are the only fish which have historically been widely distributed in the United States under the name of halibut."

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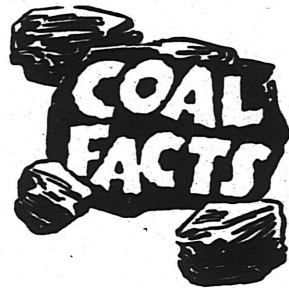
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