

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