

# ***News from Gambell on St. Lawrence Island:*** **It's whaling time!**

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This is the time of the year when the ice at the ocean get less and less.

Men are out hunting seals, walrus and whales night and day. When the nights are not dark anymore in spring time weather also is not cold that time, it is so nice outdoors.

Men will come home with seals, walrus and even whales sometimes. They go out with their walrus hide boats, they boats they

made from walrus skin that is split. The walrus hides are so thick they split them for boat making, and other uses. They use to use kayaks, made of split walrus hide. They use to use them for housing and floor, too. I was born in one, back in 1921.

So people are working day and night now. We use those sea animals, like seal walrus and whales for clothing, food and many things. We still use their meat for food.