

Grace of Gambell Wishes She Shares Tom Cod with India, China

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There are many important things to do for the cold winter to come in fall time, like other seasons. As the south westerly winds get stronger and stronger and the temperature goes down to freezing, we work harder on the seal skins and are getting the homes warmer.

This time of the year, the wind is strong from the south-west. And that is when the

waves come so hard, that many times we are threatened, as the village of Gambell is near the sea. But high winds and rough sea bring much of our food.

Lots and lots of vegetable-like sea foods come ashore and tom-cods sometimes come in piles along the shore. Those tom cods are good for food and for dog food, too.

Sometimes we do not know what to do with them, when they come so thick, that we

wish some was given to the places where food shortage is a problem, like over at China or India.

But this fall, we ran to the mountain in fear of tidal wave that might have come at the blast at Amchitka, but to our great relief, it did not come. Every one was relieved, after the blast, as it was, too the temperature was down to freezing. Many snow machines made a way to the camps other side of the mountain.

Freezing and slippiness are main problems this time of the year for us, it rains so much in the fall, too.

A few days ago, there was a snow storm. It blew so high it

was blowing as high as the tops of the houses, so that now we have snow as deep as three feet in places. And the lake is all ice now, so that snow machines can go on the ice.

There are only two or three dog teams here, although there are many many dogs. Everyone prefers snow machines. And, like many other ambitions, the best dog team belong to a white man, here. Eskimos are so eager with their snow machines they enjoy traveling fast with bright lights lighting their way.

Although we are not too comfortable with some of white people's ways we enjoy electric lights greatly. Our whole fourth

class city of Gambell is lighted with AVEC power plant.

We enjoy looking forward for more big things to come.