



**WHALING TIME DRAWS NEAR** — As spring arrives in Alaska, whaling crews are readying men, equipment and supplies in Northwestern and Northern Alaska Eskimo communities. Federal officials will be keeping a close watch on Eskimo whalers this year, concerned about increasing annual catches. Native whaling, an ancient art, is allowed to continue under Marine Mammal Act provisions. In this photo, two Eskimo boys nonchalantly discuss the whale caught by the fathers which is being made ready to be pulled up onto the ice.

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