

Hatchery site chosen

Biologists, engineers and fish culturists have agreed on a site for what will become one of the world's farthest-north hatcheries. The new State facility will be constructed at Sikusuilaq Springs, about 50 miles above the Arctic Circle in the Kotzebue Sound area. Hatchery design is already underway and construction is to begin next year. The chum salmon hatchery will have a two-million egg capacity, with future expansion to 40-million eggs. It is expected to provide valuable data on Arctic aquaculture techniques. The only hatcheries known to be farther north than Sikusuilaq Springs are several pink salmon facilities near Murmansk in the Soviet Union.