

# *St. Lawrence Island—* **Capture Baby Walrus**

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**GAMBELL** - There has been more visitors coming this spring. Some are for taking pictures of walrus. Some for ivory carvings of all kinds. There are many kinds of ivory carvings in the store done by carvers here.

Visitors from other places, when they come by plane, buy carvings.

This time there is another group that is very interesting. It is Edward Asper's and Dr. Cornell's group of five men. They are out here to capture live walrus.

They already have seven baby walrus. The young ones are 10 days old. They said that the smallest one weighs 125 pounds and the biggest one 150 pounds.

The men will take the walrus down to San Diego, Calif. where there are more walrus from here. They are also other places, like

one down in Orlando, Fla.

But for 20 years we've seen someone getting walrus alive. They are getting better at getting them every year. Now they can take them away without much trouble. First the babies used to have much problems before the men learn how to feed them and care for them.

Edward Asper has been here for three times to get baby walrus. All the other men, including Dr. Cornell, are here for the first time. We always enjoy visitors like them because they make movies of times here and when they come around the next time, they show us those movies.

And we enjoy nothing better than looking at the movies of good times. In a cold and snowy evenings, after the heavy work is done, we just come together either at the schoolhouse or the armory and enjoy and love a good movie.

Asper and Dr. Cornell with their men always stay at Wien's where Vernon Slwooko works. Vernon is in his mid 50's. He is good with visitors. He shows them around and take them hunting.

One thing we like about those tall guys is that they are so good on the ice. We always need big, strong arms like they have out on the ice.

Some divers dive in our ocean right in between icebergs and take pictures, like Jacques Cousteau has done. I'm glad these people come around.