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Writer Grace Slwooko finds much beauty in St. Lawrence Island scenes of early spring and notes that whales are close by her island home.

St. Lawrence scene of ice and white — so beautiful



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GAMBELL, ST. LAWRENCE ISLAND — This Tuesday, May 5, it is very nice outdoors. Many more gravel spots are showing here and there all around at our white land.

Little birds are sending sweet sounds now and then, all around, too. That is spring time for us on St. Lawrence Island.

The boats were out whaling yesterday. They didn't bring in one. There were many whales close by, also more open water at our west sea.

The north side is all icy. You can walk on for miles on that icy place with piles and mounds of ice here and there.

It can be so beautiful with white to walk on for some seven months of the year, around here.

Cold it may be, but this scene of ice and white can be so beautiful.