



Winter's ice brings fresh meat to island

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GAMBELL — Winter is coming on. The sea around us is whitened with ice.

The wind gets so strong just before the ice gets here. It's a great mass of ice. It's like a moving continent, arriving here from the north. It comes with animals of ice — seals, walrus and whales.

As soon as it calms down the men would be going out hunting, and they go out with boats to the ice close by. They get fresh meats for food when they killed walrus and seals then.

So it was like that this time here at Gambell. The wind was really strong for days. As soon as it calms down, the men went out and got some walrus, seals and fowl.

Now we have fresh meats. And the ice at our ocean around is just wonderful. It looks so good with open places here and there.

And when the ice arrives from the north, it pushes in so strong sometimes that ice blocks pile here and there, forming piles like mounds here and there at the shore and out.

There will be polar bears anytime around, but they are very wild and never want the smell of people's places.