

Gambell news

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GAMBELL—This winter I have been staying in Nome, Alaska. In a city like that, I have to look for something bigger to do so I tried to find something to write about. And I did, so I got a job at Bureau of Indian Affairs bilingual work. It is writing Yupik which is my own language. But even it is my language, it is something new as it never was written. There is so much to do than just to speak it. So I am now taking Yupik

although I speak it. I'm learning to write it.

Back home on St. Lawrence Island, they say many polar bears are close by on the ice and some are on land. They are seen now and then. More than 12 have been caught at Savoonga, another village on the island. So far two have been taken at Gambell as we heard. There may be more as some people still see them close by.

But those huge animals of the ice are very wild. They never are close to the smell of man or village. As soon as they are close to, they flee.