

# Applications available for Nunivak fall muskox hunt

Applications for a slightly different Fall muskox hunt at Nunivak Island are now available at Fish and Game offices in Fairbanks, Anchorage and Juneau, a Department spokesman announced this week.

Robert Ilinman, Fairbanks Regional Game Supervisor, said the drawing this Fall would be for 30 bull permits and 5 cow permits. The season will extend from August 1 until September 30.

"There are a fair number of old cows that should be removed, too," he said.

"Removing these animals will give the younger animals a better chance to survive and will help restore the herd to a more balanced status."

Muskox cows have horns, but unlike the bull's horns, they are generally not as long, and are narrower. Ilinman said these muskox cows would be the first ever taken by sport hunting.

A space on the permit application form will allow potential hunters to request a bull permit only, or either sex. Thirty applications will be drawn to determine who will be issued bull permits and then

applications will be drawn until five "either sex" applications are drawn. These five persons will be issued cow permits.

Ilinman said hunters will have to make their own arrangements with the people at Mekoryuk on when to hunt. Hunters may go to the island at any time during the season.

He pointed out that while the weather is generally better early in the season, there are good waterfowl hunting opportunities after September 1.

Applications must be returned to the Fairbanks Office of the Department of Fish and Game by 4:30 p.m. on June 30, and must be accompanied by a \$10.00 check or money order.

The \$10 application fee is non-refundable.

The drawing will be held on July 6, 1976. Ilinman said it is being held fairly early to allow hunters time to make logistical arrangements.

Previous regulations restricting boats to one mile from the muskox are still in force, he said.

For more information contact Dave Johnson, 1300 College Road, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701, or call 452-1531.

## Yakutat land exchange

Governor Jay Hammond has announced a land exchange in the city of Yakutat. Hammond said, "The exchange will consolidate the expected oil development activity in an industrial park outside of town, rather than having piecemeal development throughout the area."

This trade should greatly improve the capability of Yakutat to wisely provide for on-shore support facilities for O.C.S. activities."

The exchange between the state and the Yak-tat Kwaan Native Village Corporation involved about 67 acres of state land on Monti Bay which will be utilized for a planned industrial park support facility.

The state will receive an amount of land appraised at equal value in the same area. The state retained sub-surface rights to the exchanged land.

The exchange followed months of negotiations, planning and hearings. It had the support of the city, the SEALASKA Native Region, the village corporation and oil companies expected to use the area when developed. Hammond said, "The exchange will enable several oil companies to relocate planned activities away from the center of Yakutat where community leaders had objected to industrial activity."

Governor Hammond called the action "representative of the many constructive activities taking place to insure that whatever O.C.S. activity takes

place is well-planned and coordinated with state and local needs and objectives."

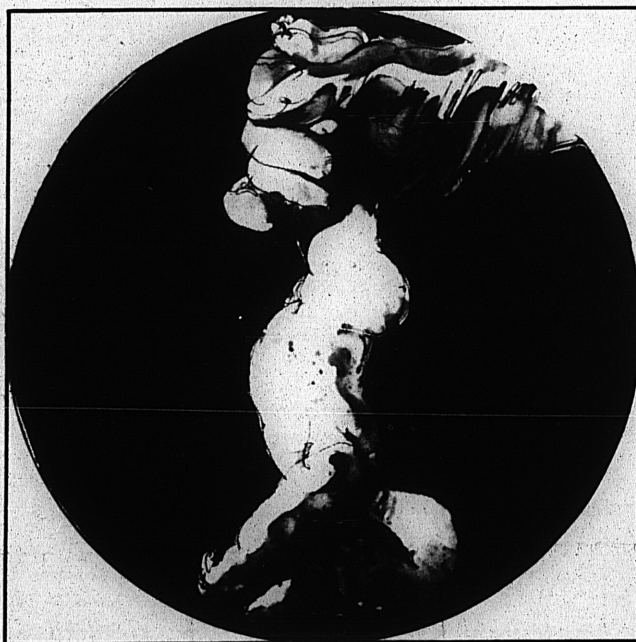
Although the basic state policy regarding federal O.C.S. policy will continue, it has been and will continue to be underlain by a comprehensive effort to plan and prepare for the activities likely to follow.

The Yakutat effort has involved the local community, the oil industry, various state agencies and Native organizations, and serves as an example of what is possible."



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