

Improved Ways Of Slaughtering Fur Seal Posed

The U. S. Department of the Interior and the Humane Society of the United States jointly announced formation of a five-man task force to seek improved methods of conducting the annual fur seal harvest on the Pribilof Islands, Alaska.

Clarence F. Pautzke, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, said the group will be headed by Fork Wilke, director of the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries marine mammal biological laboratory, Seattle, Wash.

Wilke has served on the Scientific Committee of the International Fur Seal Commission since its formation in 1967 and has been a U. S. representative at all of the Commission's meetings.

Other members of the Commission are Canada, Japan, and the Soviet Union. The United States and the Soviet Union share their seal resources with the other two members.

Soviet rookeries are located on Robin Island and the Commander Islands in the southwest Bering Sea.

Mr. Pautzke said that Mel L. Morse, President of the Humane Society, has agreed to serve on the task force which is scheduled to visit the Pribilofs in July during the next fur seal harvest.

Another member of the group will be Donald S. Balser, research biologist at the Denver Wildlife Research Center of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife.

Scientists from the U. S. Department of Agriculture have attended preliminary meetings, and a representative will be invited to join the task force.

The final member will be a scientist nominated by the National Academy of Sciences, Mr. Pautzke said, and these two members will be named in a few days.

Fur seals currently are dispatched quickly by a blow on the head, a method approved as humane by the Federal Government.

The Society has asked the

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AN EIGHT-MEMBER delegation from the Fairbanks area flew to Washington, D.C. to testify May 14th before Senate and House Public Works Subcommittees on Flood Control in support of the Fairbanks Flood Control Plan proposed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The project must be authorized in the Omnibus Rivers and Harbors bill which the Senate Public Works Committee, of which Senator Ernest Gruening is a member, hopes to report in early June. Pictured above in the Senate Public Works hearing room are, from left: Senator Bob Bartlett; Senator Ernest Gruening; Harold Gillam, chairman of the North Star Borough; Fairbanks Mayor H. A. (Red)

Boucher; Ralph Bailey, chairman of the Fairbank's Chamber of Commerce Flood Control Committee; former Congressman Ralph Rivers; Brig. Gen. Charles C. Noble, director of Civil Works, Corps of Engineers; Harry Porter, member, Fairbanks City Council; Lt. Col. Lewis A. Pick, Jr., assistant director of civil works for the Pacific Divisions, Corps of Engineers; Edward Merdes, vice-chairman, Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce Flood Control Committee; Conrad Frank, chairman of the Municipal Utilities Board; and Dwayne Carlson, president of the AFL-CIO, State of Alaska.

State Considering Oil, Gas Leases on No. Slope, Bristol Bay

JUNEAU—Gov. Walter J. Hickel's office announced that the Division of Lands in the Department of Natural Resources will consider scheduling competitive oil and gas lease sales on state lands in the Arctic North Slope and Bristol Bay areas during 1969.

The announcement is in keeping with a Governor's

policy statement of March 21, 1967, to allow interested parties the opportunity to plan at least a year in advance for future sales which will be held in specific areas whenever sufficient interest indicates that a competitive situation exists.

Present indications are that a competitive sale on the North Slope should tentatively be scheduled for the second quarter of 1969, and a second Bristol Bay sale for the fourth quarter of 1969.

Nominations for specific areas will be solicited by general notice approximately six months prior to the actual date of sale.



JOSEPH P. KARL of Tahsook Bay, Alaska has enlisted in the U. S. Navy and is now at the U. S. Naval Training Center, San Diego, California under the Navy's program in which he will receive training in the field of his choice.

Times Newsboy On Bear Hunting

By KENNETH O. MEKIANA
Anaktuvuk Pass, Alaska

I want to say few words too and what I want to say is make an article. I want to tell about "Bear hunting."

One day Bob Ahgook and our teacher Mr. Cline went to North Fork and they saw brown bear. So they started off with a sno-go and went to North Fork.

Our teacher shot with the 340 which it is for bear.

So they started off to look for the bear and they saw it and they looked at it. Then wounded it and so they got the second shot and it was killed.

(Editor's Note: Kenneth is the Tundra Times' newsboy in Anaktuvuk Pass.

Alaska Seed Potatoes Going 'Outside' for Cultivation

SEATTLE—The first carload of Alaska seed potatoes to move into the lower 48 were delivered to three Lynden, Washington growers at Bellingham, Washington recently.

These spuds sold for \$5.50 per hundred FOB Palmer, Alaska.

A producer for Alaska growers since 1953, George Crowther of Palmer, moved test samples into Washington, Oregon and California areas for the 1967 growing season.

"The results were great," he said. "Reports show that our seed, which we call 'Virus - X - Free Foundation Seed Stock' produced a faster growing, heavier yield, better grade product than the seed

compared with.

"You can attribute this, in part, to the insect free conditions created by our cool winter weather," he said.

A special incentive rate to encourage the development of this new market for Alaskan seed potatoes was created by the Alaska Trainship Corporation in conjunction with the Alaska Railroad and Great Northern Railway.

The initial shipment of 40,000 pounds moved south by rail car on the Trainship Alaska and will be delivered by the Great Northern at Bellingham to the Lynden-growers-Art and Herb Nordland, Gene Crabtree and Gordon Bedlington.

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