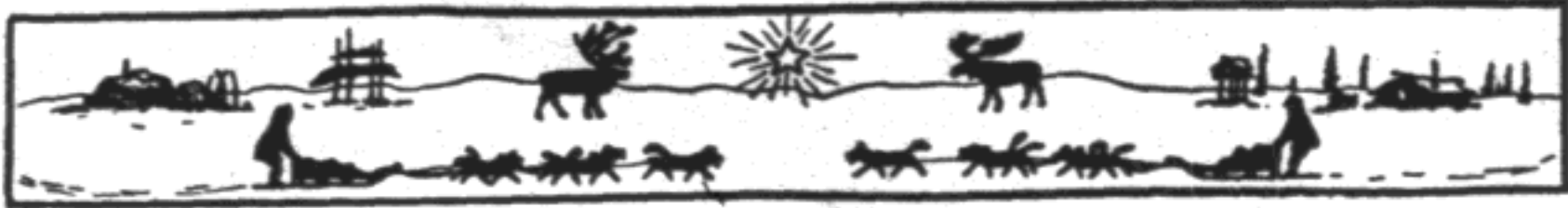


"I may not agree with a word you say but I will defend unto death your right to say it." — Voltaire

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## Editorial—

# Sad Idea to Make Musk Ox a Trophy Animal

There is something wrong—something disturbing about the seeming greed and relentless desire of the sports hunters to classify the unique musk ox into a big game trophy animal.

Although quite a number of overaged musk ox bulls apparently need to be weeded out of the Nunivak Island musk ox herd, there perhaps should be some other way of disposing of them instead of offering them as sitting ducks for some trophy hunter. Perhaps they are more valuable on the hoof as producers of six pounds of fine wool each year. That six pounds could make quite a few sweaters at about \$200 apiece when the sweater weighs only ounces. The six pounds per year wool's worth in the raw is about \$300.

It has been found beyond doubt that the musk ox has the propensity toward being domesticated. Taken when young, it soon likes to be around their herders, to be fed by them or to have their herders help them shed their yearly growth of wool. They come running when called by name, line up in a row to be fed or weighed, even mischievously pick locks and butt a large inflated rubber ball playfully. They can also become somewhat dangerous when mating but what animal doesn't including man.

In its wild state, the musk ox is hardly a challenge for any hunter be the hunter a teenager or an accomplished sportsman. When in danger, instinct dictates to the animal to form a circle around its less stronger members and calves to protect them. The only movement is the occasional feint by the bulls in the cordon. They are veritable sitting ducks for any hunter, a characteristic that almost spelled the animal's doom by methodic slaughter by hunters in the past.

When one stops to think a bit, and to imagine a bit as well, the idea and vision of a sports hunter becomes a comical scene owing to the fact that the animal is neither fleet of foot nor does it run when it meets with danger. Nor will it flee at once when it does lumber off but will stand immobile for long moments to watch.

It hardly seems sporting enough to hunt the musk ox as a trophy animal—an animal that offers little challenge.

## Indications Show Atlantic Ocean Warming Up Off New England

GLOUCESTER, MASS.—Data gathered by the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Commercial Fisheries indicate that the Atlantic Ocean, in the area of the New England fishing banks, may be warming up.

A downward trend in sea water temperatures in this region started in 1953; analysis of conditions in 1968 showed mark-

ed increases over the 1967 temperatures—as much as one degree centigrade for the annual average of inshore surface temperatures.

The BCF studies indicate further that the temperature trends are more than just a surface phenomenon—they relate to the movement of warm slope water onto the Continental Shelf.

## Letters to the Editor

March 14, 1969

Dear Mr. Rock and Board Members:

Thank you very much for sending me the nice letter and the stock certificate. That was very nice of you, and I appreciate it very much.

I think Tundra Times is one of the best newspapers in Alaska. Though the paper may seem small, it has a lot of good information and interesting news. I was very proud to sell Tundra Times for you, and I was glad to sell it. Many people in Wrangell, especially the older ones, are very eager to get the Tundra Times newspapers. I know they appreciate your good, faithful work in printing all the news.

I wish you good luck as you keep on doing this fine work.

Sincerely,

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March 17, 1969

Editor  
Tundra Times  
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Editor:

I note with interest the impending Alaskan Native land claims settlement being considered by our national Congress.

Personally, I believe such a settlement is long past due. I am, however, concerned over the nature of the settlement so far discussed. It has centered around a land and a cash decision. I have no qualms about the land portion of the native claim. However, to bequeath cash to the current generation, who really are no more entitled to it than past or future generations, is a mistake. This has been demonstrated time and again in settlements with other Indian groups of America.

As an alternative to an individual cash settlement, I suggest the Alaska Federation of Natives receive any moneys apportioned. AFN could then utilize the proceeds in an orderly development of an economic base throughout Alaska which would aid present and succeeding generations. Moneys could also be used for special education needs to augment the economic development. The validity of this approach can be seen in the current management of the Tyonek group.

Sincerely,  
L.S. Rankin

March 15, 1969

Dear Editor:

The other day I wrote a letter to the News-Miner but I didn't see it. I guess it's too rough. It was to the Governor about myself. How much tax I pay, and I am 62 years old and I'm born here. I should be getting paid for my land, instead of me paying \$3,858.24 a year tax. I would never pay it, but it's taken out of my paycheck.

Another thing that bothers me is I work only 5 days a week. I go down to Fairbanks and I see a lot of women working. Like driving mail truck, etc.

I use to work 7 days a week all summer for the Alaska Railroad. Keep you in good physical condition, instead of going to town and slop up all that money at the bars. Two days your whole paycheck is gone. Thank you.

Fred Stickman, Sr.

## Poem—

### Away to School

I got to go to states this year.  
I wonder how I like it?  
Gonna be long time before I  
get home.  
They say I have to go 'cause  
no high school here in Alaska.  
Great State don't do good job  
for people.  
Even tho' much oil new school  
don't go up.

Hard to leave home just to go to  
school in states.  
I wonder how I like it?  
I hear that Indian, Eskimo and  
Aleut kids only go to these  
schools.  
It seem funny it that way 'cause

## PROCLAMATION Wildlife Week

WHEREAS, the annual observance of Wildlife Week, sponsored in Alaska by the Department of Fish and Game, will be observed March 16 to March 22, 1969; and

WHEREAS, the theme for 1969 is "Provide Habitat—Places Where Wildlife Live." Alaska joins in a nation-wide campaign to increase the understanding of citizens of the important role habitat plays in the welfare of wildlife and the importance of wildlife to our economic and esthetic well-being. Wildlife populations can survive only as long as their habitats or living areas are intact. We must fight pollution of all types, protect against litter, and utilize our resources in a manner to prevent soil erosion. Wasteful and destructive techniques of utilization must be avoided. Progress will continue to make inroads into the amount of living space for our wildlife, but we must develop our resources in ways that will have the least damaging effects on natural environments.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Keith H. Miller, Governor of the State of Alaska, do hereby proclaim the week of March 16 to 22, 1969 as

## WILDLIFE WEEK

in Alaska, and urge all citizens to be aware of and assist in providing suitable areas for our wildlife.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Alaska to be affixed the fourteenth day of March in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty-nine.

/s/ Keith H. Miller  
Governor

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

Secretary of State

our teacher say we learn white  
way.  
But how we learn if school only  
have Indian, Eskimo and Aleut  
kids inside.  
—NELS A. ANDERSON, JR.

Heaven does not choose its elect  
from the great and wealthy.  
—THACKERAY

Next to the very young, I sup-  
pose the very old are the most  
selfish.  
—THACKERAY

## BLM Seeking Bids for Food Preparation

The Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, is seeking bids for complete food preparation service to government employees at BLM mess hall facilities during the fire season at Anchorage, McGrath, and Fairbanks, Alaska.

Contract for the catering service advertised in Invitation 2624 calls for three high-quality meals a day prepared in a sanitary and appetizing manner. Adequate amounts of nutritional components essential for health standards of emergency fire fighters and construction workers in Alaska are to be used.

Three schedules comprise the requirements for the food service. Dependent on fire hazard conditions, the contract may run for Schedule A—April 1 through August 31, 1969; Schedule B—June 1 through August 15; and Schedule C and D—April 1 through August 31, 1969.

Bids will be received and opened in the Bureau's Service Center, 710 N.E. Holladay St. (P.O. Box 3861), Portland, Oregon 97208, at 2 p.m. March 26.

Prospective bidders interested in a tour of the facilities or desiring further information relative to mess hall facilities or other local conditions should contact the Bureau's Anchorage District Complex, 4700 E. 72nd St., Telephone 344-1555; William Adams, Area Manager of BLM, McGrath, telephone 524-3477; or Fairbanks District office, BLM, 516 Second Ave., telephone 456-6687.

The Portland Service Center of the Bureau will provide similar information.

Aristocracy is always cruel.  
—WENDELL PHILLIPS

WANTED: Chilkat Blankets; totem poles; ivory pipes and carvings; argillite carvings; potlatch bowls; fish hooks; spoons and all N.W. items 50 years of age or older. Send photo or sketch and prices to: Albert T. Miller, 2235 West Live Oak Drive, Los Angeles, California 90028.