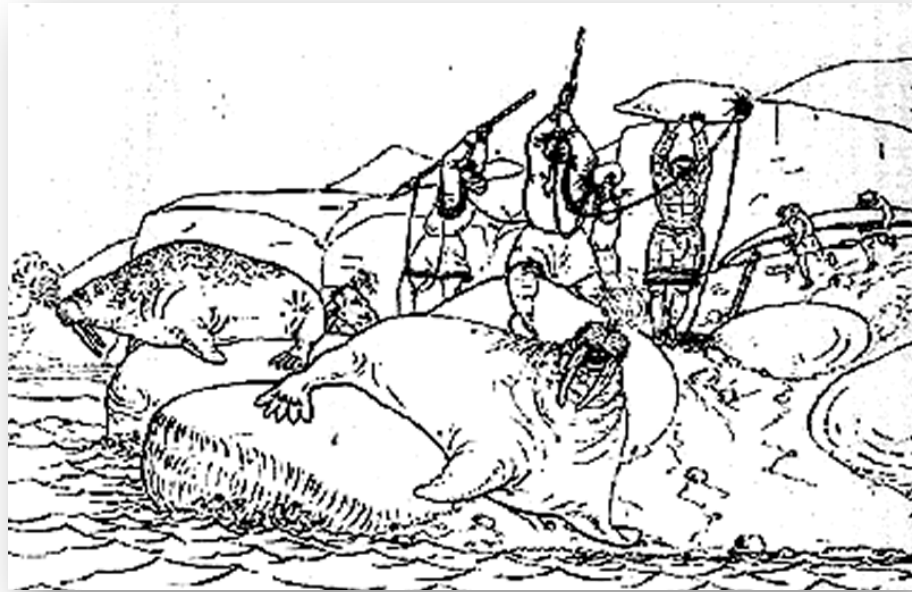


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Hunter meeting in Gambell, St. Lawrence Island



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Cliffed Woyonasoq, Shishmaref

Nowadays when you talk to the younger generation you try to tell them how to hunt. First they tell you 'I know how to', even though they don't. But it really impresses me when the younger generation asks me 'is it good enough to go hunting? Is the ice safe enough?' Then I pass on all the information that I know as far as safety, getting the food, and making sure that when they go home that they share the meat.



Charles Menadbook, Little Diomede

I understand both sides of the story as far as conservation. I agree with a lot of points from conservationists in the lower 48 and the state of Alaska, but I don't agree with someone saying that hunting is wrong. It is not. I don't know anyone who is more respectful to animals than Natives. Although, even now you can see the changes in our community and when we may not need walrus to survive, we need it as a people.



Edwin Neungood, Seward

It is important for us to learn from past hunting experiences because we need to use traditional knowledge and pass it on to our kids. That is what we use to survive. We also need to make things easier by exchanging with western culture. Both ways work, but I would rather continue using our traditional values because that is who we are.



Vince Pitkampana, King Island

When I had my own boat and crew I found pass down the knowledge given to me by my father. I feel very strongly about passing down our traditional way of hunting to the younger generation because it works among our people. Hunting is not a toy... it is not a game. Hunting holds meaning for us. It brings people together and providing sustenance for our bodies.



Raymond Sertook, Wales

I try to teach the younger generation. I jump on my crew boat but once in a while, correct them with what I have learned. After a while they know what to do. My father used to tell everyone in the crew, you have to have a knife right there. You shoot and then you have to help. You can't just shoot and watch. Everyone must work together coming up. There is always so much to say and so little time.



Christopher Kooosook, Gambell

I see the importance of conserving the walrus by taking more meat from the animal and not just taking the tusk. There has always been, as we've seen with the first FMA before, a system that regulates how much meat we should be taking. We have been doing that before the monitoring and before Fish and Wildlife Service came along. Walrus conservation has always been important to us.



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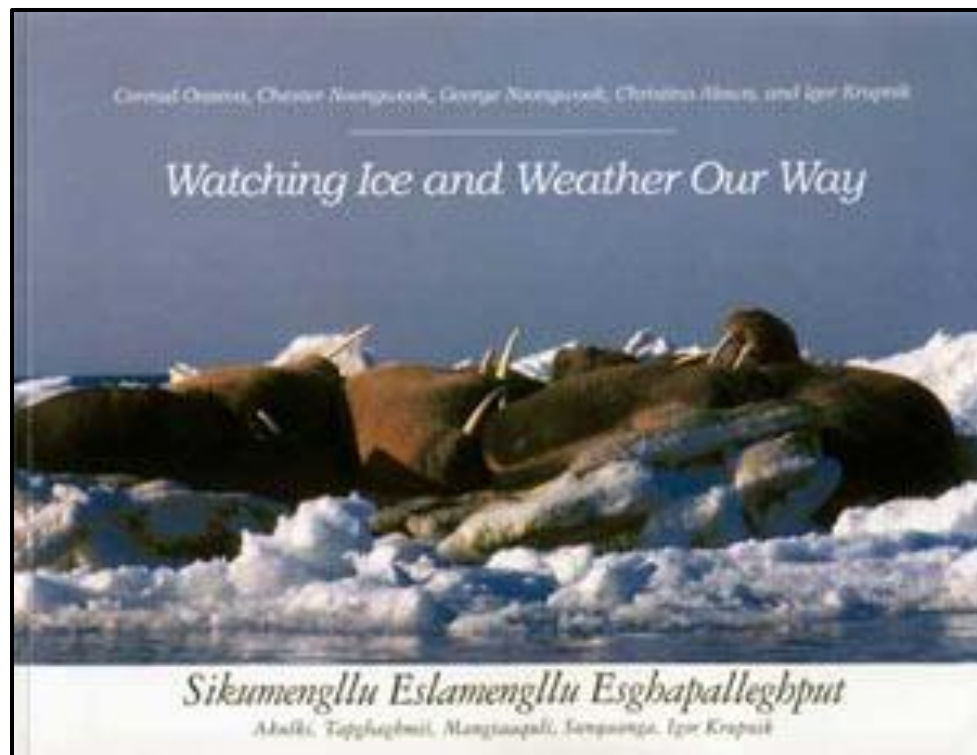
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Walrus Harvest Monitoring discussions between EWC & ATMMHC

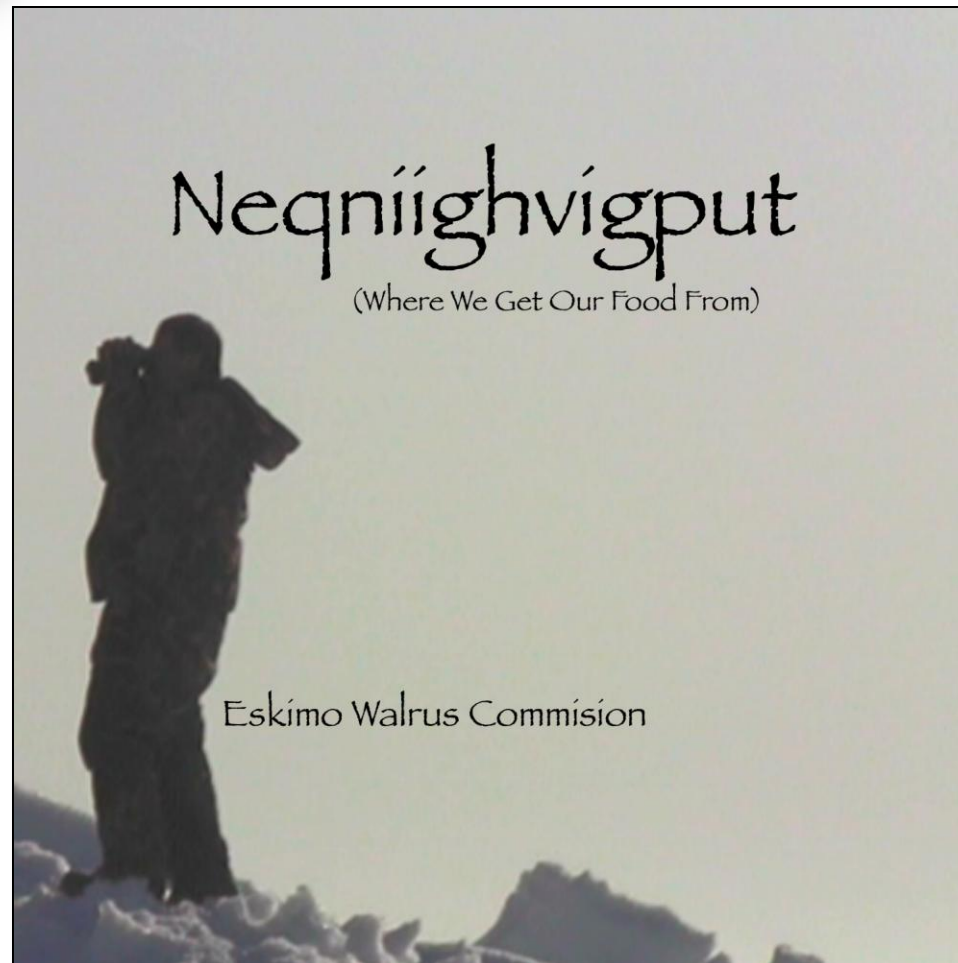


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