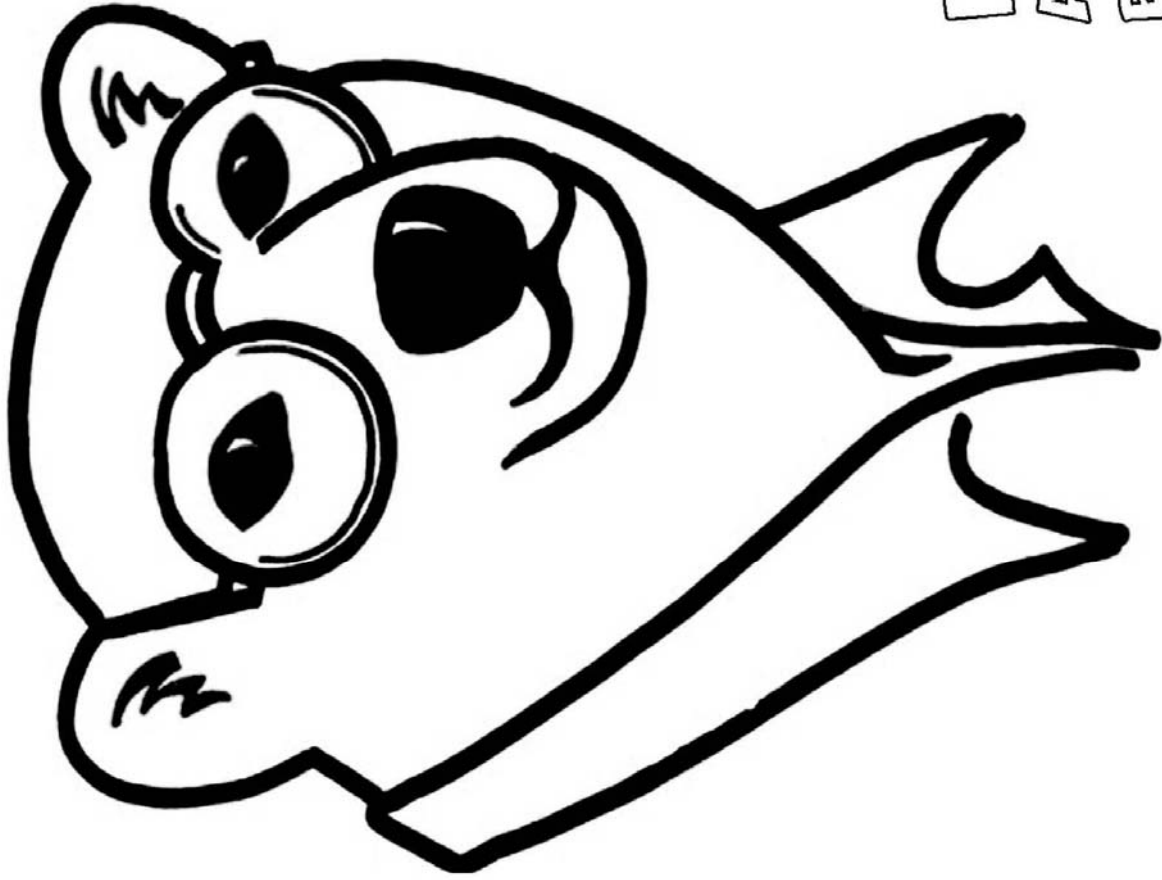


NORTH SLOPE OF ALASKA



**HEIGHT: 2.5-8 FEET FROM NOSE TO TAIL
WEIGHT: 775 TO MORE THAN 1,500 POUNDS!
FUR COLOR: REFLECTING LIGHT MAKES IT
APPEAR WHITE, BUT OXIDATION FROM THE
SUN OR STAINING CAN MAKE IT LOOK YELLOW
OR BROWN**

**AGE: 15-18 YEARS TYPICALLY, BUT A SMALL
PROPORTION LIVES PAST 20-30 YEARS**

**INTERESTING FACT: FUR IS WATER REPELLENT.
THE HAIRS DON'T MAT WHEN WET, ALLOWING
THE BEARS TO EASILY SHAKE FREE OF WATER
AND ANY ICE AFTER SWIMMING.**

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