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RE: 2007 Subsistence Fur Seal Harvest on St. Paul Island Memorandum for the Record

Aang (Greetings):

Enclosed below, please find the Memorandum for the Record for the 2007 subsistence fur seal harvest on St. Paul Island. This memorandum has been prepared to satisfy the reporting requirements of the National Marine Fisheries Service Contract No. AB133F05CN1416.

The 2007 subsistence fur seal harvest season on the St. Paul Island was conducted in three harvests. The harvest season began on 21 July 2007 and ended with a final harvest on 08 August 2007. A total of 272 fur seals were taken for subsistence within three harvests at three different haulouts (Zapadni Sands, Polovina, and Gorbatch) on the St. Paul Island during 2007 (Table 1). Refer to attached harvest monitoring log. Of the 272 fur seals taken for subsistence 269 were sub-adult males.

Table 1: Locations, numbers of harvests and fur seals harvested at the locations for the 2007 Subsistence Fur Seal Harvest on the St. Paul Island, Alaska.

LOCATION	NUMBER OF HARVESTS	NUMBER OF SEALS HARVESTED
Zapadni Sands	1	36
Polovina	1	120
Gorbatch	1	116
Total	3	272

By-products and Waste

An undocumented number of throats were taken for arts and crafts purposes on St. Paul Island during the 2007 subsistence fur seal harvest. No waste occurred on the harvest field in accordance to 50 CFR §216 Subpart F on St. Paul Island.

Adult Males and Female Seals Killed or Struck

No adult male fur seal and three female fur seals (Gorbatch on 08 August 2007) were struck and killed during the harvest on St. Paul Island in 2007. Two of the female fur seals were taken for subsistence and one was taken by Terry Spraker for necropsy purposes.

Heat Strokes

Two juvenile male fur seal deaths occurred due to heat stroke (over heating) during or as part of the 2007 subsistence fur seal harvest on St. Paul Island, however both these animals were taken for subsistence.

Entanglement

Three entangled male seals were observed during this year's subsistence fur seal harvest on St. Paul Island. Two entangled fur seals on St. Paul Island were successfully disentangled and released. No male fur seal with a scar indicating evidence of previous entanglement were observed at a harvest on St. Paul Island.

Oil Contamination

No evidence of oil contamination on fur seals pelts of harvested animals during the subsistence fur seal harvest was observed on St. Paul Island in 2007.

Other Mortality

No other fur seal mortality occurred during this year's subsistence fur seal harvest on St. Paul Island.

Anomalies

At the harvest at Zapadni Sands Haulout on 21 July 2007 one juvenile male partial albino fur seal was observed on the haulout during the roundup. One female fur seal pup was rounded up in the pod to be harvested at Polovina on 07 August 2007. When cutting the pod the fur seal pup was removed and released back towards the rookery.

We thank the St. Paul Island sealers for their participation and cooperation, our staff, and National Marine Fisheries Service for making this memorandum possible.

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