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RE: 2008 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 2008 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 harvest season began on 05 July 2008 and ended with a final harvest on 08 August 2008. A total of 331 fur seals were taken for subsistence within 7 harvests at four different haulouts (Zapadni Sands, Polovina, Zapadni Reef Sands, and Gorbatch) on the St. Paul Island during 2008 (Table 1). Refer to attached harvest monitoring log. Of the 331 fur seals taken for subsistence 328 were sub-adult males.

**Table 1: Locations, numbers of harvests and sub-adult male fur seals harvested at the locations for the 2008 Subsistence Fur Seal Harvest on the St. Paul Island, Alaska.**

LOCATION	NUMBER OF HARVESTS	NUMBER OF SEALS HARVESTED
Zapadni Sands	3	125
Zapadni Reef Sands	1	48
Polovina	2	76
Gorbatch	1	79
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>328</b>

By-products and Waste

An undocumented number of throats were taken for arts and crafts purposes on St. Paul Island during the 2008 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 were struck and killed during the harvest. Three female fur seals (Polovina on 06 August 2008; Zapadni Sands on 07 August 2008; and Gorbatch on 08 August 2008) were struck and killed during the harvest on St. Paul Island in 2008. All the female fur seals were taken for subsistence. One sub-adult male fur seal was struck and released on 08 August 2008 at Gorbatch.

Heat Strokes

One juvenile male fur seal death occurred due to heat stroke (over heating) during or as part of the 2008 subsistence fur seal harvest on St. Paul Island on 15 July 2008 at Zapadni Reef Sands.

Entanglement

Three entangled male seals were observed during this year's subsistence fur seal harvest on St. Paul Island. All three were successfully captured, disentangled and released during the harvest round up. Two male fur seals each with a scar indicating evidence of previous entanglement were observed at a harvest on St. Paul Island. Both of these seals were captured, checked for entanglement and released.

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 2008.

Other Mortality

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

Anomalies

No anomalies were observed during the 2008 subsistence fur seal harvest on St. Paul Island.

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

If you have any questions please contact me by telephone, or via email [pazavadil@tgspi.com](mailto:pazavadil@tgspi.com).

*Qaġaalakux...* Thanks,



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