

Regional Report

Bristol Bay Native Association

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Spring

This spring, I did get a seal (a). It was very fat and even I took the guts out, it was still floating. We were out halibut fishing and also looking for herring in case they spawned.

There wasn't much spawn of herring this year and I didn't get any this year. Herring are being harvested by fisherman mostly from outside our area so that they aren't allowed to reach the coast of Togiak Bay area at Bristol Bay now.

I did see a dead seal (b). It seems to have been floating for a while and its head and flippers looked like they had been eaten off.

Fall

During the start of moose season, I spotted about 4 seal. I think one of them was a young bearded seal. I took a shot but missed. I think my cousin got a young bearded seal. I think this year, there is not as much seal at the mouth of the river to catch the silver salmon going up river.

This concludes my report as a hunter representative for Bristol Bay at Togiak area.

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