

SEALING

NAT/SEA/1 # 32

C.S.

(Fur Seal)

1921

No. 1112/21

Govt. Naturalist.

SUBJECT.

1921

Mr. JASEN HANSEN,

3rd December

Forwards report on working of Fur Seal by:

Previous Paper.

MINUTES.

Letter from Govt. Naturalist, 3rd December, 1921...Encl..(1)

*Submitted
11/12/21*

H.C.S.

*In July last at a meeting when it was
discussed whether it would be possible for Mexico
in protection of rookeries to have cuts free before
the present trading season began & when there were
rumours of raiding vessels coming from Punta
Arenas permission was given to Mr. Hansen to
take 100 seals from Stephens Jason & to Mr.
Carey to take a like number from Bird Island
The permission was only given after a couple*

H.C.S. 11/1921.

Subsequent Paper.

Consideration with the object of preventing the
danger of an organized raid by illicit scalps
being successful & being permanent injury to
the workers.

2. Mr. Hansen had no wish to undertake
scaling on his own account nor if he could have
obtained a license as he had then advised
from England that the price current for skins
were so low that ~~it~~ it was not likely that
such an undertaking would prove profitable.

3. Measures are now being put into force for
protection of workers & it is the intention that
any skins taken should be purchased by Govt.
It is desirable that the skins taken by Mr
Hansen & Mr Carey should be purchased &
marketed by Govt along with those which may
be taken in course of the next few months. Mr.
Hamilton should conduct negotiations with
Mr Hansen & Mr Carey for purchase & arrangement
No paid should be charged to an advance
account pending sale of the skins.

4. In order to arrive at price to be paid a Museum
should go to Crown Agent asking for information
as to current prices of various qualities of skins.
The draft of Museum should be prepared by Mr Hamilton
& Crown Agent should be asked to reply by Museum

W.M.
12 Dec 1917

Govt. Minute about

for action please

12/12/21

Hon. Col. Sec.

Draft telegram submitted please.

It appears desirable that Government be kept informed of the prices of skins.

govt. Naturalist.
12/12/21.

Yrs. Submitted for his machines

14/12/21

H.P.S.

A letter spoken to Mr. Hamilton his intention was that a monthly magazine should be sent by Crown Agents giving prices current in order that it might be ascertained what was best scheme for marketing. The Govt has no scheme for marketing or purchase and Crown Agents can be asked by letter to send ~~monthly~~ monthly

Govt. Naturalist

Accordingly

[Signature] 10/1/22

Hon. Col. Sec.

Thank you. noted and returned
please.
The average of £2 for the best skins
is approximately the pre-war price & believe
I understand that fur prices are
very unstable.

W. Hamilton
Govt. Naturalist

25th Jan 1922

Yrs. Submitted

[Signature] 21/1/22

[Signature]
23 January 1922

[Initials] H.C.S.

As there is a prospect of seals being taken
in course of next few months Curran agents
may be asked by Delta to furnish
information by each mail, as to prices
current for skins.

[Signature]
16 Sept 1922

Carcass Island
Sept 18th 1921

C. Hamilton

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I have the honor to send you the following report on my working the fur seal during the week. The weather it was impossible for me to leave here before Wednesday August 24th.

The wind was North East, which I know would put up a heavy sea on the North East fuser. I landed on the South

the following day the weather was unsuitable to go to the Elephant so I walked to the old fur seal rookery on the South West end of the South fuser. I found no fur seal but a great number of hair seal.

Friday the weather was still bad

Saturday I went to the Elephant, the landing was still bad but I got everything up safe & dry

Hair seal were in great numbers all round the shanty and landing place. The musk was destroyed right up to the ship.

In fact there was seal on the clear camp above the musk border.

The door of the shanty I could not find, one side was smashed.

The seal had been living in the shanty. Benches & table destroyed the floor very wet & dirt

the small very strong.

I shot a few seal to frighten them away from the shanty and made use of some of the skins to repair the shanty.

In all there were three or four seal killed, 1 born 4 two or three year olds and 3 pups.

Monday Aug 29th was a very fine day.

When about the middle of the third week on the North side I could see the seal leaving the ice and going to the northward.

I got to the landing place moved the boat found that very few seal were to the westward of the landing, but there were a number to the eastward.

I could see only one old seal, the pups were very tame they would run into the cracks in one crack alone I got 20 seal. It would have been an easy matter to kill 120 or more.

I considered it would be full so and have an other day on the week in order to give the seal an other fright.

I am quite sure there were 750 seal pups on the week when I first landed most probably more than double that amount.

The old seal I did not see so cannot estimate.

The skins consisted of 36 male + 44 female pups. I think the proportion of male was larger, I seemed to skin a great many more bulls and must probably cut the male organ in some of them.

It appears to me that the seal have been worked very hard but not badly as the pups were so tame and the old

seal so wild.

The weather was not suitable till Friday Sept 9th to work the seal beach again.

I got to the web in a snow squall landed on the North side and left my men in the boat.

clap-matches by mistake.

I fired. I did not quite kill her she got into the water and was taken in the boat. I did not know what she was till all the shooting was done.

was in a crach with two pups + I could not see very well what she was. It was very little trouble getting

the remainder of the seal they were 3 young wigs. 2 clap-matches 9 male + 6 female pups.

total skins 3 young wigs, 2 clap-matches 45 male 50 female pups
the Golden Plover arrived early Saturday Sept 10th I got home about mid day.

I think the old seal stayed on the web the second day owing to me landing on the web in a snow squall and on the North side.

I opened the stomachs of a number of seal but could find nothing in the pups but shingle + milk In the old seal nothing but shingle + a little juice.

I am Sir
Your obedient servant
Jasen Hansen.

Stanley.

3rd December 1921

Recd 3/12/21
Jacker



Sir,

I have the honour to transmit herewith a report on the result of the seal killing on Elephant Passon by Mr. J. Hansen.

2. I have marked in pencil a statement with reference to evidence of recent working of the seal.
3. It is apparently very difficult if not impossible to distinguish between male and female "pups" which

I take to be the one and
two year old animals.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient
servant,

J. A. Hamilton.

Government Naturalist

The Honourable
Colonial Secretary.

Crown Agents.

London.

Please telegraph monthly in order
named current prices following fur
seal skins small pups large
pups middlings and wigs.

The actual message contains 19 words.

Blamilton
Govt. Naturalist

13/12/21.

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TELEGRAM.

From : The Colonial Secretary.

To : The Crown Agents for the Colonies.

Dispatched : 22nd December.....19 21. Time.11.30 a.m.

Received :19 ... Time.

REPRURICAT ANNUNCO POLYCLETUS SKINS FUR SEAL
PUPS MIDLINGS WIGS

SECRETARY

Request you will be good enough to ascertain and
report by telegraph present market price of skins
fur seal pups middlings wigs.

The Colonial Secretary.

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TELEGRAM.

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From : The Crown Agents for the Colonies.

To : The Colonial Secretary.

Dispatched : 30th December..... 19 21. Time. 5.50p.m.

Received : 5th January..... 19 22. Time. 4.30p.m.

Encl. 2

With reference to your telegram of 26th December present market price of fur seal skins, pups 55 to 65, middlings 15 to 30, wigs 5 to 25 shillings according to quality.

The Crown Agents for the Colonies.