



# Have you seen a tagged seal? Did you harvest one?

The North Slope Borough Department of Wildlife Management and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game are working with seal hunters to better understand their movements. This seal research is conducted under NMFS permit #15324 issued to the ADF&G.

## Where are these seals being tagged?

-In 2014 and 2015 seals were tagged near Barrow, Wainwright, Kotzebue Sound, Norton Sound, and Hooper Bay. These seals move between the Beaufort Sea and Bristol Bay during their migration and could be encountered anywhere along their travels.

## Will I get in trouble if I harvest one?

-NO. There are no laws against hunting a seal with a transmitter (tag) on it and you will not get in trouble for shooting it.

## Is it safe to eat the seal?

-YES. No drugs were used on the seal and they are SAFE TO EAT.

## What should I do with the tags?

-The tags are expensive and can be reused. Please send them in.

## Who do I contact to send them in?

-The NSB-DWM at 907-852-0350 or ADF&G at 1-800-478-7346.

-If you wish to remain anonymous please have someone from your IRA or Village Liaison call us instead.

-If you have a camera, take pictures of the tag on the seal and take pictures of the skin around the tag (This will help us design better tags in the future).

## Where can I learn more about this research?

-The NSB-DWM website at <http://www.north-slope.org/departments/wildlife-management/studies-and-research-projects/ice-seals>

-The ADF&G website at

<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=marinemammalprogram.icesealmovements>



Or scan on your cell phone for NSB or ADF&G

Thank you for helping with this important research! Together we will work toward healthy sustainable seal populations for future generations.

## Photos of Satellite Tags placed on Seals

Satellite tags located on the head



Satellite tag located on back



Satellite tags located on the rear flipper