

# Attention Hunters

## Marine Mammal Parts Must Be Tagged within 30 days of harvest

### Walrus



Photograph by USFWS

### Polar Bear



Photograph by Steven C. Amstrup

### Sea Otter



Photograph by Kate Wynne

The Marine Mammal Protection Act requires that all walrus tusks, polar bear hides and skulls, and sea otter hides and skulls that are taken by Alaska Coastal Natives for subsistence and handicraft purposes must be marked and tagged by a representative of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. There is no fee for hunters to have these parts tagged.

## Who?

Coastal Alaska Native subsistence hunters of 1/4 degree or more will have 30 days after killing or finding these mammals to have the specified parts marked and tagged. The original hunter must have these parts tagged before sale or trade to other Alaska Natives or a registered agent.

## Why?

To monitor harvest levels and collect biological information that will help ensure the long-term survival of these mammals and prevent the illegal trade of marine mammal parts.

## What Parts?

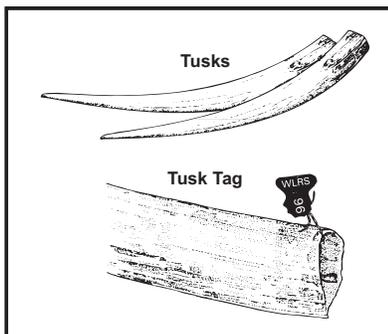
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## Where?

The name of the local tagger with authority to tag marine mammal parts in or near your village is listed below.

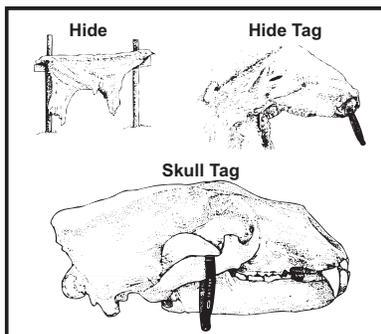
## How Ivory, Skins, and Skulls Must Be Tagged

### Walrus



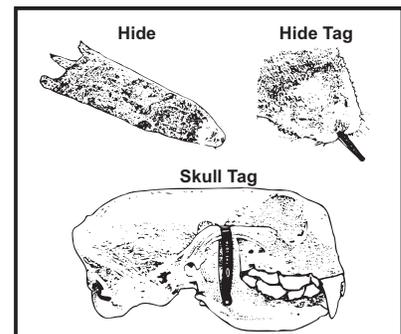
Walrus tusks must be tagged with a plastic tag attached by a wire through a small hole drilled in the root. The tag must stay on the tusk until it is handcrafted.

### Polar Bear



The polar bear hide and skull must each have a plastic tag permanently attached. The tag must stay with the hide through the tanning process and until the hide is cut up and used for handicraft purposes.

### Sea Otter



The sea otter hide and skull must each have a plastic tag permanently attached. The tag must stay with the hide through the tanning process and until the hide is cut up and used for handicraft purposes.

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