



News Release

Minister Kilabuk releases *Waiting at the Edge*

IQALUIT, Nunavut (April 11, 2000) – Sustainable Development Minister Peter Kilabuk announced the release of 3,000 copies of the sealing video, *Waiting at the Edge*.

Waiting at the Edge was first shown to a limited audience in Iqaluit last month. Following that presentation, the Government of Nunavut, through its Department of Sustainable Development, distributed the video on a limited basis to audiences in southern Canada to gauge public reaction. A companion publication about the history of Inuit and the sealing economy, entitled *Seals & Nunavut*, was distributed to 6,000 schools across Canada.

“I am delighted with the response we are receiving from those audiences and the schools about the video and the publications regarding Inuit and seals,” Minister Kilabuk said. “It demonstrates that the story of our self-reliance and of our traditional economy is one that Canadians are interested in hearing and understanding.”

The Government of Nunavut also recently released a Fur Grading Manual in Inuktitut and English. The manual is designed to build on the skills in communities in handling sealskins, so that higher quality skins result in higher prices in the marketplace.

“I believe Nunavummiut expect this Government to focus on all aspects of our economy, including the longest surviving and most sustainable, that of our sealing economy.”

The video will premiere in Ottawa with plans for further distribution of the video to include broadcast on the Aboriginal Peoples’ Television Network, as well as to an American audience. The video will also be distributed to Nunavut hamlets and schools.

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