



Seals are hunted in Nunavut for the fresh, nutritious food that they provide in communities where fresh food is expensive or unavailable. The replacement value of seal meat as a food staple in Nunavut is estimated to exceed \$5 million annually. Seal pelts, the useful byproduct of the hunt, are sold to offset the costs of harvesting activities and the high costs of northern living. The Government of Nunavut plans to continue purchasing sealskins from hunters through the Department of Environment's Fur Pricing Program.

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