

PROMOTING HUMAN USE OF FUR RESOURCES - ROLE OF THE ALASKA TRAPPERS ASSOCIATION'S SPEAKERS BUREAU

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Abstract: In the early 1990's, a sub-group of the Alaska Trappers Association was organized for the purpose of promoting human use of fur resources. This group is known as the Speakers Bureau. Oral presentations by Speakers Bureau members cover a variety of topics including: (1) furbearer biology, (2) methods of transportation and harvest, (3) preparation and use of fur, and (4) the animal rights debate. Oral presentations are augmented by use of props such as: (1) clean skulls, (2) tanned furs, and (3) plaster casts of tracks. Content is tailored to meet the desires of each group requesting a presentation. At present, Speakers Bureau activities focus on the following groups in the Fairbanks area: (1) youth groups, (2) adult service organizations, and (3) formal school classes.

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