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During the Fiscal Year 1959-1960 payments for bounties on Hair Seals, Wolves, Coyotes, and Wolverines amounted to \$86,733. The estimated cost for administration of the bounty system was \$15,000, bringing the total expenditure for bounties to approximately \$101,733. The number of species bountied from various villages and cities and the total monies received by such villages or cities are listed in Table 1. Total payments by species are given in Table 2, and a summary of the distribution of payments in Table 3.

Hair Seal

The 15,706 seals bountied in F.Y. 1959-1960 is about 30% greater than the number bountied in the years 1953 to 1956, but slightly lower than the number taken in 1957 and 1958. Approximately 6,000 seals were taken in the Bering Sea area, 6,000 in Prince William Sound and on the southern side of the Kenai Peninsula, 2,000 in Cook Inlet and 1,500 in Southeastern Alaska. Most of the seals taken in the Bering Sea area are ringed seals which are not predators upon commercial fish.

Although the total number of seals taken in Alaska does not equal the number required by our fur industries, most seals bountied are not salvaged and the pelts are wasted. There is no evidence for decrease of seals anywhere in Alaska except on the Susitna flats where hunters for the Alaska Fur Factory have not been able to obtain as many seals as in previous years.

Wolves

The number of wolves bountied (534) is somewhat less than in recent years. Causes for the decline include closure of Unit 13 and part of 14; intensive wolf control programs in local areas to 1959 by the Fish and Wildlife Service, and crashes of airplanes used by bounty hunters, some resulting in fatal injuries. Wolf populations, however, are considered to be relatively high except in those areas where intensive control operations have been conducted.

Hunters from Fairbanks using aircraft accounted for 130 of the wolves bountied or more than twice as many as hunters from any other locality. Anaktuvuk Pass eskimoos took 57 wolves without the aid of aircraft to lead all other localities in that category.

Coyotes

The number of coyotes bountied has gradually decreased from a high of about 1200 in 1947 and 1948 to the present low of 262. Coyotes are relatively newcomers to Alaska and have followed the typical trend of such populations by increasing to a peak and then declining to a stable level. Most coyotes are presently taken in the large river valleys of Southeastern Alaska, Prince William Sound, and the Kenai Cook Inlet area inland to as far as Big Delta, but a few are taken as far north as Nenana and Fairbanks.

Coyotes are not considered to be a serious menace to any game species and probably live primarily on small rodents and rabbits.

Wolverines

The take of wolverines has consistently remained between 300 and 400 animals since 1953 when the bounty on it was established, although in the preceding 6 years the average take was nearly 100 animals greater. The lower number may be partially caused by decreased trapping intensity and by current regulations protecting the wolverine as a furbearer to insure that only animals with prime pelts are taken.

Wolverines and wolves are in considerable demand as trophies as well as for their pelts which are used for parka trim. The present price paid for wolverines frequently more than doubles the amount paid for bounty. Because of the relatively few wolverines available to the market such high prices may be expected to continue.

Table 1: Seals, Wolves, Coyotes and Wolverines Bountied in Alaska,^{1,2,3,}
July 1, 1959 to June 30, 1960

Address of Hunter or Trapper	Number Bountied				Village Income from Bounties
	Seals	Wolves	Coyotes	Wolverines	
Aleknagik	25			5	\$ 150
Alexander Ck.			1		30
Allakaket		2			100
Ambler				3	45
Anaktuvuk Pass		57		11	3,115
Anchorage	33	10	30	6	1,589
Angoon	60				180
Aniak				3	45
Anvic				3	45
Arctic Village		6		2	330
Barrow		4			200
Beaver		4		5	275
Bethel				1	15
Bettles		2			100
Big Delta (inc. Delta Vct.)		8	20	7	1,105
Boundary			1		30
Buckland	15				45
Candle	81				243
Caswell				2	30
Central		1			50
Chalkyitsik		6		1	315
Chatham	4				12
Chenega	507				1,521
Chicken		7			350
Chignik				1	15
Chisana		2			100
Chitna		4	4	2	350
Christian Village		2		4	160
Chugiak			3	1	105
Circle City				1	15
Circle Springs		1			50
Cohoe			1		30
College			1		30

1. Seals may be bountied from all waters adjacent to the southern coast of Alaska east of the 152nd meridian, Bristol Bay, and within 3 miles of the coast of the mainland from Cape Newenham to Cape Krusenstern. Land animals are bountied from all of Alaska.
2. Bountied seals include the harbor, ringed, ribbon and bearded seals.
3. Bounties are \$3 on hair seals, \$50 on wolves, \$30 on coyotes, and \$15 on wolverines.

Table 1: Continued

Address of Hunter or Trapper	Number Bountied				Village Income from Bounties
	Seals	Wolves	Coyotes	Wolverines	
Cooper Landing			1	1	\$ 45
Copper Center				10	150
Cordova	1587		18	19	5586
Craig	2	1			56
Deering	75				225
Dillingham	64	4		1	407
Dot Lake		17		3	895
Douglas	5				15
Eagle		2		6	190
Eek	46				138
Egegik		7		10	500
Eklutna	8				24
Elim	103			4	384
Eliza Harbor	10				30
Elmendorf AFB			6	1	195
Fairbanks		130	1	7	6745
Farewell		1			50
Ferry			2		60
Fort Greely		2			100
Fort Yukon		36		16	2040
Gakona		18	1	17	1185
Galena		1			50
Glennallen			2		60
Gold Camp (Ft. Yukon)		8		1	415
Golovin	123			2	399
Goodnews Bay	146				438
Gulkana			1	2	60
Gustavus			12		360
Haines	47		2	1	206
Healy		1	2		110
Healy Fork		2		5	175
Holikachuk				1	15
Holy Cross		1			50
Homer	12		12	1	411
Hood Bay	1				3
Hoonah	526		2		1638
Hooper Bay	34				102
Hope			29	3	915
Hughes		2			100
Huslia		1			50
Hydaburg	33				99
Igiugig				1	15

Table 1: Continued

Address of Hunter or Trapper	Number Bountied				Village Income from Bounties
	Seals	Wolves	Coyotes	Wolverines	
Ivanof Bay				1	\$ 15
Jonesville				2	30
Juneau	187	1	3	1	716
Kake	211				633
Kasaan		2			100
Kasilof			3		90
Kenai		1	9	13	515
Ketchikan	6	17			868
Kiana		1		1	65
Kivalina		1			50
Klawock	89	2			367
Klukwan	20				60
Kobuk				2	30
Koliganak				1	15
Kotzebue	742	17	1		3106
Koyuk	253				759
Koyukuk		4		6	290
Kwathluk				1	15
Lake Minchumina		6		2	330
Levelock		3		5	225
Lower Tonsina			1		30
Manley Hot Springs		1	3	2	170
Manokotak	10				30
May Creek		1			50
McGrath				3	45
McKinley Park				2	30
Mead River		1			50
Minto		3			150
Moose Pass			1	1	45
Mountain View				3	45
Mt. Edgecumbe	21				63
Nabesna				1	15
Naknek		3			150
Nenana		11	4		655
Nikolai				1	15
Ninilchik			2		60
Noatak	56			3	213
Nome	339			1	1032
Noorvik		1			50
North Pole			1		30
Northway		1		5	125
Nyak		4		3	245
Palmer			4	4	180
Petersburg	70	7		2	590

Table 1: Continued

Address of Hunter or Trapper	Number Bountied				Village Income from Bounties
	Seals	Wolves	Coyotes	Wolverines	
Pilot Point	9	2		1	\$ 142
Platinum	30				90
Podro Bay				2	30
Point Baker	47	2		3	241
Point Hope		1			50
Point Lay		5		3	295
Polly Creek				3	45
Portage			2	1	75
Port Ashton	923				2769
Port Dick			5		150
Port Graham	22				66
Port Heiden		4			200
Portlock			3		90
Port San Juan	9				27
Quinhagak	27				81
Rampart				1	15
Ruby		7		3	395
St. Michael	87				261
Sawyers Landing	1				3
Scammon Bay	45				135
Scow Bay	15				45
Seldovia	1008		11		1338
Seward	2869	10	16	2	9617
Shaktoolic	202				606
Shishmaref	1888				5664
Sitka	61				183
Skagway	6				18
Skwentna	107			25	696
Slana			4		120
Soldotna			3		90
Solomon	46			1	153
Spenard	195	1	6		815
Stebbins	223			1	699
Sterling			5		150
Stevens Village		2		4	160
Stoney River		4		5	275
Susitna				2	30
Sutton		1			50
Talkeetna		1		17	305
Tanacross		3	2	2	240
Tanana		6			300
Tatitlek	28				84
Tazlina			2		60
Teller	556				1668

Table 1: Continued

Address of Hunter or Trapper	Number Bountied				Village Income from Bounties
	Seals	Wolves	Coyotes	Wolverines	
Tetlin		1		3	\$ 95
Togiak	189			3	612
Tok		3	1		180
Tokeen	81	4			443
Tyonek				2	30
Unalakleet	24				72
Valdez			2	7	165
Venetie		12		18	870
Wainwright		7		1	365
Wales	636				1908
Wasilla	148			1	459
White Mountain	135			2	435
Wiseman		2			100
Wrangell	54	11			712
Yakutaga			1	8	150
Yakutat	444	1	12		1742
Outside Alaska	33	3	1		279
TOTALS	15,706	534	262	351	\$86,733

Table 2: Distribution of Bounty Expenditures, June 1959 to July 1960.

ITEM	COST
Hair Seal Bounties	\$47,108
Wolf	26,700
Coyote	7,860
Wolverine	5,065
Estimated Cost of Administration	15,000
TOTAL	\$101,733

Table 3: Distribution of Bounty Payments by Locality.

Village or City ¹	Receipts over \$1000	Total Receipts
Seward	\$ 9,617	
Fairbanks	6,745	
Shishmaref	5,664	
Cordova	5,586	
Anuktuvuk Pass	3,115	
Kotzebue	3,106	
Fort Yukon	2,040	
Port Ashton	2,769	
Wales	1,908	
Yakutat	1,742	
Teller	1,668	
Hoonah	1,638	
Chenega	1,521	
Anchorage	1,589	
Seldovia	1,338	
Gakona	1,185	
Big Delta	1,105	
Nome	1,032	
All cities (18) receiving \$1000 or more.		\$53,368
All other (162) Alaskan cities.		33,086
Outside Alaska		279
	\$53,368	\$86,733

¹ All villages or cities receiving more than \$1000 in bounties are listed in descending order by amount received.