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CAPE PIERCE WALRUS HAUL OUT WORK  
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TOGIAC NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Seasonal personnel from Togiak National Wildlife Refuge maintained patrol of haul out beaches on Cape Pierce from May 18 through November 12, 1986. Numbers of walrus using the beaches were counted on a daily basis.

Walrus first appeared on June 4 when they were sighted in the water near the beach. They hauled out at Odobenus Cove for the first time on June 16. Palmer Beach was first used on June 28. Maggy Beach was not used until July 17. Peak numbers on the haul-outs fluctuated from a high of 2,352 animals in June to 7,060 during July, 9,250 during August, 11,400 on September 1 and 5,388 during October. By November 12, when the last survey was conducted, 4,400 animals remained on the beaches.

Seven animals were marked using a temporary tag made of surgical tubing with attached rubberized plastic tag. Only one animal, number 16 was observed again after it was originally marked.

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