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December First Friday at the Alaska State Museum NOAA Pribilof Islands Historical Photographs Exhibit

NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service, the Alaska State Museum and the Friends of the Alaska State Museum will host the opening reception of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's exhibit on the Pribilof Islands during the First Friday gallery walk Friday, December 3, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Admission to the Alaska State Museum during the gallery walk is free.

The exhibit features historic documents and photographs taken in the 1910s and 1920s, which chronicle the Pribilof Islands fur-seal industry and its impact on the economic, social, and environmental history of Russia, the United States, and Native Alaskans. These previously unavailable images from the U.S. Bureau of Fisheries were produced from the original glass plates—cataloged, digitized, and preserved by NOAA's National Ocean Service. Project partners include two Pribilof Islands village corporations and the National Archives and Records Administration.

The exhibit, titled "A History of the Pribilof Islands, 1890-1925: As seen through photographs from the U.S. National Archives" will be on display at the museum through January 15, 2011.

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Winter hours at the museum are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Discounted winter admission is \$3. Visitors 18 and under are admitted free of charge. Assistance is available for visitors with special needs; for more information contact Visitor Services at 465-2901 before the visit.

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