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Review of *Point Hope Alaska: life on frozen water*, by Berit Arnestad Foote

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ABSTRACT

This beautifully illustrated book documents three years in the life of Point Hope, Alaska. Point Hope has been a whaling camp site of the Inupiat people for over 2500 years, based on archaeological studies. Up until the 1950s, the settlement here had remained much as it had been since its inhabitants first began having contact with outsiders. Missionaries, school teachers and supplies had arrived from the USA in the 20th century, as the Territory of Alaska started to receive greater attention from the government and people of the “lower 48” states. But in the 1950s, two rather momentous events conspired to change Point Hope, and the rest of rural Alaska. In 1959 Alaska became the 49th state of the Union. One year earlier, the nuclear physicist Edward Teller proposed to the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) that they explode an atomic bomb 100 times more powerful than the one dropped on Hiroshima in north-west Alaska, in order to create a man-made harbour. The site selected by the AEC was Ogotoruk Creek, 50 km south-east of Point Hope. This proposal seems ludicrous to most people in the 21st century. Indeed, the author’s brother-in-law, Joseph Foote, described it as “harebrained but frightening” in his essay near the start of the book. Nevertheless, the project was adopted by the AEC, under the code name of Project Chariot. The full story of this bizarre chapter in American history has been very well told in Dan O’Neill’s book, *The firecracker boys* (1994).

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Berit Arnestad Foote. Point Hope, Alaska: Life on Frozen Water. by Berit Arnestad Foote. Publisher's Description. This book is a window to the daily life and the environment of the Tikigaaq, the Inupiaq people of Point Hope, Alaska, as seen in photographs taken by young Norwegian artist Berit Arnestad Foote from 1959 to 1962. In Berit Foote's days in Point Hope fifty years ago, the ice covered the sea in October and did not clear until July. In recent years, however, the Arctic ice has been changing rapidly, and so are the lives of people in Point Hope and across the North. This book—a call Jim Evak Courtney Flint Berit Arnestad Foote Andrew Frankson Teddy Frankson Connie Fredenberg Charlie Gregg Yuri Gorokhovich Kyla Hagen Clark Hanfield Millie Hawley Stan Hawley Jack H'ebert Tom Hennessey Grant Hildreth Helena Hildreth Jackie Hill Larry Hinzman Amy Holman Eldon Hunnicutt Willard Hunnicutt Irving Igtanloc Troy Izatt Anore Jones David Kang Andy Kliskey Angie Koonook Ray Koonuk Sr. Point Hope Alaska. Mike Brubaker, 2009. Traditional values should guide local and regional decision making. The community of Point Hope is located at the western most point on the northwest Alaska coast (Figure 2). Life in Point Hope revolves around the Warming water is causing blooms of algae in tundra ponds, changing the ecology and diminishing Point Hope, Alaska book. Read reviews from world's largest community for readers. This book is a window to the daily life and the environment of the Tiki... See a Problem? We'd love your help. Let us know what's wrong with this preview of Point Hope, Alaska by Berit Arnestad Foote. Problem: It's the wrong book It's the wrong edition Other. Author of Tikigaaq, The Tigara Eskimos and their environment. Point Hope Alaska Life On Frozen Water Photographs 19591962. Tikigaaq: en fotografisk reise blant eskimoene i

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