## 027. TABOOS FOR SEA MAMMAL HUNTING

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A description of ritual restrictions for preparing to hunt sea mammals.

## numaakcamis

27.1	?uyihinaači?a $\mathring{\lambda}$ atquuwi $\mathring{k}$ iit $\mathring{h}$ ?a $\mathring{\lambda}$ mačii $\mathring{h}$ ?uyihinaači $\mathring{\lambda}$ -'a $\mathring{\lambda}$ -'at-quu $_1$ wi $\mathring{k}$ iit-(q) $\mathring{h}_3$ -'a $\mathring{\lambda}$ mačii $\mathring{h}$ whenset off on the waterNOWPASS3.CNDnon-existentBEINGNOWbe in housewhenone sets off to seano one remainsbeing in the house	
	tii =?ir nouse	
	When (a hunter) goes out to sea, no one remains in the house.	
27.2	wikiit pisatuk $^{\text{w}}$ ił $^{\text{h}}$ . wikiit pisatuk -'ił -(q) $^{\text{h}}$ 3 non-existent move about in the house BEING no one is moving about in the house	
	No one is active in the house.	
27.3	?aaniłsaλ       yaqchaat?itq       we?ič         ?ana -'ił       -sasa -'aλ       yaqchi -'at -?i·tq       we?ič         only in the house only [L] NOW       spouse PASS 3s.REL       sleep         only she stays in the house       the one who was his spouse       sleeping         Only (the hunter's) wife remains in the house sleeping       pg. 6 begins he	ere
	Only (the hunter's) wife remains in the house sleeping.	
27.4	hitaasqħ haaŵaacaqšiił yaqčiqλas?at?itq . hitaas₁ -ħ₂ haaẁaacaqšiił yaqčiqλas -ʾat -ʔi·tq outside CONTEMP prepare food household members PASS 3s.REL they do outside preparing food the ones who were household members	
	His household prepares food outside.	
27.5	?uuyisa $\lambda$ mačin $\lambda$ hitasa?a $\lambda$ quu kwiisa $\hbar$ i?i . ?uyi -sasa -'a $\lambda$ mačinawi $\lambda$ hitasa?a $\lambda$ -quu <sub>1</sub> kwiisa $\hbar$ i =?i· when only [L] NOW enter house come to shore 3.CND sea-mammal hunter DEF they ony do when they enter the house when he lands the hunter	
27.6	wik muš?as mahtii?i ?uunuu\(\lambda\) tuuhukwe?in?aata \(\capa_1\) fahmis wik muš?as mahtii =?ir ?unwii\(\lambda\) tuuhuk -wer?in =?aata \(\capa_1\) fahmis not close the door house DEF because afraid 3.QT =always sea mammal not they close the door the house because they are always afraid sea mammal	
mušī	Ras?aλquu , wikċaqsim?atsaʕaš , waa?aλ . Ras -ʾaλ -quu, wikċaqsim -ʾat -sa·ʕaš waa -ʾaλ e the door NOW 3.CND not want PASS 1s.INF say NOW	

The door of the house is not closed because, as they say, they are afraid the sea-mammal may say, 'apparently I am not wanted.'

he may say

apparently I am not wanted

if the door is closed

27.7	wikiit	λaasa?ak	mačinλ	maħťii	k <sup>w</sup> iisaħaૌatquu			
	wik - at	stranger	mačinawiλ	maħťii	k <sup>w</sup> iisaħi	- °aλ	- °at	-quu <sub>1</sub>
	not PASS	stranger	enter house	house	hunt sea mammals	NOW	PASS	3.CND
	there was no		they entered the house	house	when hunting sea-	mamma	ls	

No stranger enters the house when one is hunting.

If people come and make a noise, they wake up the sleeping wife and thus also wake up the sea lions. If the wife does not sleep, the sea lions show it by sticking their heads up out of the water instead of 'sleeping' on the surface. If there are strangers in the house, lions show it by acting wild and not allowing the hunter to come close.

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27.8
                        \mathring{y}uuq^waa
      wik
                                     yaqchaat?itq
                                                                  ?u?uuštaq
      wik
                        yuuq<sup>w</sup>aa
                                     yaqcħi - at
                                                                  ?u?uuštaq
                                                      -?i<sup>t</sup>q
      not
                        also
                                      spouse PASS 3s.REL
                                                                  work
      she does not
                        also
                                      the one who is spouse
                                                                  working
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Also one's wife does not do any work.

k<sup>w</sup>iisaħinakaλquu 27.9 hinii?as maħtii?i ?uyiya wik wik hinii?as maħtii =?i<sup>,</sup> ?uyiya k<sup>w</sup>iisaħi -na·kw -ˀaλ̀ -quu not go out house DEF at the time hunt sea mammals COMPL NOW 3.CND go out the house at the time she does not while he is hunting

She does not go out of the house while her (husband) is hunting.

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27.10 wik
                     ?iiš?iiša
                                   ?u?umi?ak
                                                   mači?atukquu
                                                                                čapac
                                                                                        ?iš
      wik
                     ?iiš?iiša
                                   ?uu?umii?ak
                                                   mačiλ - at
                                                                -uk
                                                                                čapac
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                                                                       -quu,
                                                          PASS POSS 3.CND
      not
                     be chewing
                                   for fear that
                                                   bite
                                                                                canoe
                                                                                        and
                     chew gum
                                   for fear that
      she does not
                                                  his might be bitten
                                                                                canoe
                                                                                        and
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qwiiqwiiħwink?itq DUP- qwi(q) -ħwinkw -?i·tq SUF REL use [L] 3s.REL whatever he is using

She does not chew gum lest his canoe or equipment might be bitten.

27.11	?aanaħi	ċitk <sup>w</sup> i <del>l</del>	we?ič	?anick <sup>w</sup> a <del>1</del> nak?itq				
	?aanaħi	ċitk <sup>w</sup> -ʻi <del>l</del>	we?ič	?anic -k <sup>w</sup> a· <del>l</del> -na·k <sup>w</sup> -?i·tq				
	just	lay on side on the floor	sleep	thus absent COMPL 3s.REL				
	she just does	lying on her side	sleeping	as long as hers is away				
	She only lies on her side sleeping as long as hers (husband) is absent.							

27.12 ?uyi pipiisathiquu hiyiiqħap wikquu taħak ťаћак ?uyi pipiisatħi -quu<sub>1</sub> hihiq  $-(q)\hbar_3$ wik -quu<sub>1</sub> - ap if be active 3.CND varia BEING CAUS not 3.CND lie still if sleep on back she were active doing various things she does not

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naacsaaλat
                                                  ?uħ?at
                                                           Saħmis?i
                        q<sup>w</sup>aaq<sup>w</sup>aa?ap?itq
                        DUP- qwaa?ap -?irtq
ňaacsa - aλ
                                                  ?uħ?at
               - at
                                                           Sahmis
                                                                         =?i
       NOW PASS
                        SUF
                              do thus 3s.REL
                                                  by
                                                            sea mammal =DEF
she would be seen by
                        everything she does
                                                  by
                                                           the sea mammals
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If she were to be active, doing various things, instead of lying still, everything she does would be observed by the sea mammals.

pipiisatħaλ 27.13 qwaaqwaa?apax yuuq<sup>w</sup>aa wikaλ we?ič DUP- qwaa?ap - aλ yuuq<sup>w</sup>aa wik - aλ we?ič pipiisatħi - aλ do thus NOW not NOW be active NOW also sleep they would do various things also they did not sleep being active

They would also do various things, not sleeping but being active.

27.14 wikɨmaaʔaλ hiniip kwiisahi wikɨmaa -ʾaλ hiniip kwiisahi

unable to NOW get hunt sea mammals he would be unable getting any hunting sea mammals

He would be unable to get any when hunting.

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?u?uulcak 27.15 ħamaťapaλ yaqcħi?itq ħamaťapλaa ?ani ħamaťap - aλ ?u?uu4ca - ak ?ani yaqchi -?i<sup>-</sup>tq hamatap =λaa be aware NOW that be at fault POSS spouse 3s.REL be aware =also his is to blame he is also aware he is aware that his wife

?u?uułċaλukquumaħṫii?u?uułċa -²aλ -uk -quu,maħṫiibe at fault NOW POSS 3.CNDhousehis is to blamehousehold

(A hunter) knows if his wife is to blame and he also knows if his household is to blame.

27.16 yuuq<sup>w</sup>aa λičee?i ?iš ?apwinqs?i wik ?uu?uu<del>l</del> wik ?u?uu<del>l</del> λiča· =?i<sup>,</sup> ?iš -[L] yuuq<sup>w</sup>aa ?apwings =?i<sup>,</sup> also steersman DEF and centre man (in boat) DEF sleep with s.o. PL not also the steersman and the centre man they do not sleeping with

łuucsaamiiħuk?i łuucsma -uk =?i· wife.pl POSS DEF their wives

The steersman and the centre man likewise do not sleep with their wives.

?aanaħap hatiis ?atħii ?uusimč ?ani 27.17 muučii<del>l</del> q<sup>w</sup>aṁaa ?aanaħi - ap muu -či<sup>-</sup>ł hatiis q<sup>w</sup>ama<sup>,</sup> ?atħii ?uusimč ?ani four ... days **CAUS** bathe night do ritual training that just thus many they just do for four days bathing thus many night doing ritual training that

k<sup>w</sup>iga<del>l</del>ikga hinaači?iikguu

 $\mathring{k}^w$ iqa $^{\frac{1}{4}}$  -(y)ik -qa· hinaačiλ -²iik $^w$  -quu<sub>1</sub> lucky IRR.FUT 3.SUB set off on the water HYP.FUT 3.CND

they may be lucky when they go out to sea

They just bathe every night for four days and train that they may be lucky when they go out to sea.

27.18 ?uyi haahaayux<sup>w</sup>ack<sup>w</sup>iquu ħamatsaβaλ ?ee?ee?iša DUP- haayuxwa -ck<sup>w</sup>i ħamatsap - ʾaλ DUP- ?a?i·š ?uyi -quu, if commit adultery having ...-ed 3.CND find out NOW REP do quickly if he will find out doing quickly they have committed adultery

yaq<sup>w</sup>atii?itq ?uuktis yaya\iih?itq ?ani ?u?uu<del>l</del>cak ?uuktis ?ani ?u?uu<del>l</del>ca - 'ak yaq<sup>w</sup> - at -(y)ii -?i<sup>t</sup>q DUP- yaqw -'iiħ, REL PASS 3.INDF-REL 3s.REL be guided by SUF REL hunt [R] 3s.REL be at fault POSS that by how it might be guided by his was to blame that that which they were hunting

λičaaminħ?i

λiča· -minh =?i· steersman PL =DEF

the crew

If they were to commit adultery, the hunter would soon find out, by the (actions of) the game, that the crew were to blame.

Steersman and middle man are not supposed to go out if their wives are pregnant. Hunter should not go out unless he has medicine for it (?u?uušcýaksýi "pregnancy medicine"; łiicit "pregnant" is tabooed when women are around).

27.19 yuuq<sup>w</sup>aa numanak k<sup>w</sup>iisaħi λawaa?aλquu k<sup>w</sup>iisaħi yuuq<sup>w</sup>aa numanakw λawa· - aλ -quu, near NOW 3.CND also have taboo restrictions sea-mammal hunter he has taboo restrictions also hunter it is near

?a?aacataħ ?a?aacataħ go out hunting sea mammals go out hunting sea mammals

The hunter likewise has taboos when the time approaches, when he is about to go out sea mammal hunting.

27.20 hawii?aλ ?u?uu<del>l</del> łuucsmaak hiine?i<sup>4</sup>?atħši?aλ hawiiλ - aλ ?u?uu<del>l</del> łuucsma - ak hiine?i<sup>4</sup>?atħšiλ - aλ finish NOW sleep with s.o. woman POSS sleep on the floor beside bed NOW sleeping on the floor he stops sleeping with his wife

nupqimiya hupai nupqimiya hupai for one month month for one month month

He ceases to sleep with his wife and lives on the floor (next to the bed platform) for one month.

27.21 ?uvi wi?ii?apquu λawiičiλ qwiiyicstiiħ?itq vaqcħi?itq ?uyi -stiih, λawiičiλ wi?ii?ap  $q^w i(q) - (y)i$ -?i<sup>t</sup>q yaqchi -?irtq -quu, if not keep on doing 3.CND REL ... time aim to do 3s.REL approach spouse 3s.REL if approaching his wife he does not keep on doing until it is the required time

?aħ?aa?aλwikstupši?aλuk?uusimčmis?aħ?aa?aλwikstupšiλ-²aλ-uk?uusimčmisand thenbecome nothingNOWPOSSritualthenhis comes to nothingritual training

If he does not keep doing until the required time is up, approaching his wife before the time is up, his ritual training is in vain.

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27.22 ?ee?ee?išatλaa ?iiqħuk<sup>w</sup>at ?uħ?at yaya\iih?itq DUP- ?a?i·š =\u03baa ?iiqħuk - at ?uħ?at DUP- yaqw -'iih, - at -?irtq SUF do quickly PASS =again SUF REL hunt [R] 3s.REL tell **PASS** by it is also soon told by that which they were hunting

q<sup>w</sup>isck<sup>w</sup>ii?itq q<sup>w</sup>is -ck<sup>w</sup>i· -?i·tq do thus having ...-ed 3s.REL that which he has done

It is also soon betrayed by what he has done in (the actions of) that which he is hunting.

?uukwił λa?uu ?uħ?aXat 27.23 ?uħ?iš ?uušsi<del>l</del>ack<sup>w</sup>iquu łuucsma ?uħ?iš λa?u· ?uušsi<del>l</del>a -ckwi ?uukwił, łuucsma ?uħ - aλ - at -quu, NOW PASS and do something having ...-ed 3.CND other woman refer to is and other woman it is by if he has done something refer to

ċawaakaλ saačuwat ?iiqħuk čapxtuupuk?i kiλšiλ ?uħ?aλ ?iiqħuk čapxtuup -uk cawaak<sup>w</sup> - aλ saačuwat ?uħ - aλ =?i kiλšiλ, tell spearhead DUR =DEF NOW one side NOW one is splinter tell his harpoon head one on one side it was it splinters

qwiicuwat?itq qwi(q) -cuwat -?i·tq REL on...side 3s.REL on which side And if he has done something with another woman, it is made known by the fact that one side of his harpoon splinters, on the side which (has broken the taboo).

The harpoon has two prongs, a longer one called the male and a shorter one called the female. If the male barb breaks, it shows that the hunter has committed adultery; if the female barb breaks, his wife has. If he, or even someone in his house, has slept with another woman, say within a month of his hunting, one can tell it by the actions of the sea lions when one gets close. Sea lions, and fur seals even more so, engage in sex play, lying on their backs with feet apart and biting.

27.24 ỷuuq<sup>w</sup>aa numanak čapac ỷuuq<sup>w</sup>aa numanak<sup>w</sup> čapac also have taboo restrictions canoe it has taboo restrictions canoe

The canoe likewise has taboos.

27.25 wiiksinħat supisat ?uħ?at łuucsaamiiħ ?uħ?iš ħaatyakaqλ?i - at ?uħ?at wiiksinħi supiq - at łuucsma ?uħ?iš haatyakaqλ =?i<sup>-</sup> be forbidden PASS touch PASS by woman.pl and philandering =DEF it is forbidden to touch in passing by women and philandering

haawiiha\( \) ?uu?umii?ak wiqayaẙapquu haawiiła\( \) ?uu?umii?ak wiqayaẙap -quu\_1 young man.PL for fear that make unlucky 3.CND young men for fear that they might make it unlucky

It should not be touched in passing by women, nor by philandering young men, for fear that they might make it unlucky.

27.26 ?uħ?iš saačink ?uustukħ čiipis ćiisagsis ?uħ?iš saačink<sup>w</sup> čiipis čiisagsis ?ustukħ and always lay vessel on side on beach stretch line over canoe for that reason and always they lay it on its side for that reason a rope stretched over it

λαwiičiλquu čihaa ʔuṅaah ťuxyuu λαwiičiλ -quu $_{\rm l}$  čihaa ʔuṅaah ťuxyuu

approach 3.CND ghost look for shredded cedar bark it might approach ghost looking for shredded cedar bark

They lay it on its side on the beach with a rope stretched over it, because a ghost might approach it looking for shredded cedar bark.

A line is stretched from the bow around a stick placed in the middle of the gunwale, to the stem. The line rests tight on the canoe turned half over. It keeps spirits away, for, if they come to the canoe, they might be caught on the line and killed.

27.27 numaakuk q<sup>w</sup>iiq<sup>w</sup>iiħŵink?itq

numaak $^{\rm w}$  -uk DUP- q $^{\rm w}$ i(q) - $\hbar$ wink $^{\rm w}$  -?i·tq tabooed POSS SUF REL use [L] 3s.REL

it has its taboo whatever one uses

Whatever one uses (in hunting) has its taboo.

?ust?is 27.28 mi<del>l</del>sýi wik hitaqs čapac wik wik mačiił miłsyi hitaqs mačiił wik čapac wik ?ust?is wik spear not be in vessel canoe not sandy place not be in house on the beach spear it is not keeping in vessel canoe it is not it is not being in the house

hilsiusauk mahiii hilsiusa -uk mahiii back of the house POSS house theirs is at the back of the house house

The spear is not (kept) in the canoe, nor on the beach, nor in the house.

27.29 sayaača kicaas ?u?umħi wikiip čіћаа sayaača ?u?umħi čіћаа wikiip kic, -a's, high up fail to obtain ghost appropriate beam on a surface it is kept high up so that fail to obtain it ghosts on a beam

It is kept in the back of the house on a high surface, so that ghosts fail to get it.

 $\begin{array}{cccc} 27.30 & \text{?u?a}\frac{1}{4} & \text{& \r{c}isaap} \\ & \text{?u?a}\frac{1}{4}, & \text{& \r{c}isaap}_1 \\ & \text{attach} & \text{shark's fin} \\ & \text{it is attached to it} & \text{shark's fin} \\ & \text{A shark's fin is attached to it.} \end{array}$ 

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27.31	?anaa\text{\chi}	mačii <del>l</del>	tuk <sup>w</sup> aqim <del>l</del>	?iš	?ux <sup>w</sup> aap	λaask
	?ana - ²aλ	mačii <del>l</del>	tuk <sup>w</sup> aqim <del>l</del>	?iš	?ux <sup>w</sup> aap(i)	λaask

only NOW be in house float and paddle cedar branch rope it is only being in the house floats and paddles cedar branch rope

hiitcγit?aλ či<del>l</del>iituk?i hii<del>l</del>?iitq we?ič ?upaa+?a\lambda hiiłcSił  $\text{-} {\it `a}\lambda$ hił -?i<sup>·</sup>tq we?ič ?uupaał<sub>2</sub> -°aλ či<del>l</del>iit -uk =?i hang overhead in house NOW LOC 3s.REL along with NOW outfit bag POSS =DEF sleep hanging overhead the place where sleep along with his outfit bag

?uu?umii?ak wisši?atukquu kwiisaħi ?uħ?at λa?uu ?uu?umii?ak wisšiλ - at -uk -quu₁ ?uħ?at λa?u<sup>-</sup> k<sup>w</sup>iisaħi for fear that apply s.t. to PASS POSS 3.CND other sea-mammal hunter by for fear that hunters by other theirs might be rubbed with medicine

Only the bladder floats and the paddles and the cedar bark rope are (kept), are hung overhead (on the wall) where one sleeps in the house, along with the outfit bag, lest theirs might be rubbed with medicine by other hunters.