

# Kugluktuk, Nunavut, re-starting traditional seal hunt

**Many young people in community don't hunt the animals**

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The community of Kugluktuk, Nunavut, is trying to re-start its traditional seal hunt.

The local hunters and trappers association there is offering courses for young people.

“We know there are a lot of young people that don't go out sealing, because they don't know how to hunt them traditionally, or in the present day methods,” said Barbara Adjun, the president of the association.

A couple of skilled hunters will teach a group of five to 10 people. They will first get training in a classroom, and then they will go out on the land and ice.

After the week-long course, the hunters will learn how to prepare seal meat and how to dry the skins.

According to Fur Canada, about 30,000 seals are harvested in Nunavut every year.

Adjun said there is value to the pelts and the meat. However, she said it's been difficult to convince young people to take up the profession.

About 1,300 people live in the Arctic hamlet.

