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SUBJECT General Observations on caribou crossing ice.

NOTES _____

Jim told me that during break-up and freeze-up on the Noatak it is common to see
migration held up for a week or longer. Apparently, animals are waiting for
conditions to improve before crossing. However, it is hard to say this will
always happen. Often animals will plunge on ahead into hazardous crossings.

Concerning animals crossing ice sheets; Hemming has observed caribou crossing
aufeis on Watana Lake which is near the project. The animals apparently had
no fear of the slippery surface and ventured out. Animals apparently slid down
the aufeis formations until they could get solid footing.