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Traditional Aleut barabaras were very well suited to the Pribilof Islands' climate. Parks staked the Alice and Bessie claims not far from the post in 1906 and began operations.

Southwest Alaska

The Russians were the first to set up outposts in the Yukon Kuskokwim Delta in the 1800s and in 1884 Moravian missionaries established a mission that would eventually become the town of Bethel. In the mid 1860s Captain Matthew Turner of San Francisco had found abundant cod southwest of Kodiak Island off the Shumagin Islands.

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Some generate income by making and selling the carvings and native crafts that the Yupik are known for. It was a valuable tool for passing on their oral traditions and histories. This Land Was Theirs: A Study of Native North Americans , Ninth Edition, Oxford University Press, 2008 On the Trail of Erik the Red in Iceland, Field Museum Natural History Bulletin, 1988.

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A Russian trading post had been established at the site a short time later.

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