

SEALING

NAT/SEA/1 # 27

(Hair Seal)

1921

No. 902/21

Mr. A. F. Cobb.

SUBJECT.

1921

HAIR SEAL.

16th August

Previous Paper.

Applies for permission to be allowed
to kill:

C.S. 116/21, C.S. 369/21, C.S. 850/21

MINUTES.

Letter from Mr. A. F. Cobb, 16th August, 1921.....Encl..(1)

*Govt Naturalist
Replied to your observations*

20/8/21

Hon. Col. Sec.

*I can see no objection to the permit being
granted to Mr. A. F. Cobb, with the usual re-
strictions - viz.*

*A. Actual killing of sea lions and hair seal
to be avoided if possible*

B. Permit to be limited to 12 months.

*C. This permit should only apply to islands
which Mr. Cobb has in use and ^{should} not be extended*

J. B. Danielson

Govt. Naturalist.

30th Sept. 1921

Subsequent Paper.

*Y.P.
Submitted for favour of his backing*

2/10/21

*H.C.S. Permission may be given on same conditions
as in 850/21. Approved on 31st July 1922.
402/1921.*

Letter to Mr. Cobb, dated 5th Oct. 1921.
Encl (2).



Bleaker Island
East Falklands

16/8/21.

Dear Sir,

I write to ask for permission to kill hair seals, if they are up in my tussock paddocks or on tussock islands, on which I have cattle or sheep, or from which tussock is cut for fodder.

They destroy immense quantities of tussock by lying on it & making it unfit to eat.

If the Colony or anyone was benefitted by the countless swarms of hair seals, it would be a question of who was benefitted the most, but they are not.

During the war farmers were asked by the government to get all they could out of their farms, now the need for this seems all the greater, and it is in little ways like this that it can be done.

I do not kill for the sake of killing, or for sport, so called.

Yours faithfully
Arthur F. Cobb.

To

The Colonial Secretary
Stanley.

(2).

LS. 902/21.

902/21.

5th October, 21.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 16th of August, I am directed by the Governor to inform you that as a temporary measure, and with a view to the protection of tussac, permission is granted to you up to the 31st of July, 1922, to kill or drive off sea lions (Hair Seal) from the tussac paddocks and tussac islands on your station.

(2) It should be clearly understood that:

(a) All unnecessary killing of the seals must be avoided.

(b) The permission now granted may be withdrawn at any time.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

H. Henniker Heaton

Colonial Secretary.

A. F. Cobb, Esq.,

Bleaker Island,

East Falklands.