

other samples); migratory bird and marine mammal evidence supports this, while the absence of fledglings and salmon could be due to taphonomic reasons. However, these summer samples do not come from particular settlements, but instead from particular house-pits and middens *within* individual settlements, other parts of which were occupied at other times of the year. This is the case for at least the settlements of Nyelv Nedre Vest, Gressbakken, and Lossoa's Hus. Renouf quotes ethnographic parallels for this unexpected pattern: various Arctic groups occupied both substantial winter houses and lighter summer structures within the area of a single settlement. The incentives to move into a summer tent are that the winter houses are usually poorly ventilated, and become smelly as the accumulated winter midden thaws in the warming temperature!

Renouf thus elevates the winter/spring sites of the Simonsen model to all-year base camps; Simonsen's late spring and autumn sites are converted into extraction camps used by smaller parties from the main site; and his interior salmon-fishing sites should (argues Renouf) probably be detached from the Varangerfjord system altogether – after all, why move

100 km inland for a resource which has to pass through the coastal region nearer the base camp on its way there?

This volume is thus an excellent illustration of the power of combining ethnographic and ecological knowledge with zooarchaeological data to reveal hunter-gatherer behaviour. While Renouf has probably not proved definitively that the inner fjord sites were all-year base camps, she has made it by far the most probable option. The volume is, as BARs go, attractively produced, and the figures are for the most part admirably clear, showing that figures do not have to look unpleasant just because of the BAR format. Less praiseworthy is the fact that figure-numbering starts afresh with each chapter, so that no fewer than eight different figures are labelled 'figure 1' – an unnecessary source of initial confusion. This does little to detract from the volume as a whole, however, which takes its place as one of the best examples of the archaeology of hunter-gatherer settlement systems.

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