

The oil and gas field workers are urgently in need of freight, which has to be shipped by rail to Tobol'sk, Sergino and Salekhard. There it will have to be transshipped onto river-going boats. However, at those locations they are not transshipping harvested produce onto the ships. This is the problem which faces the workers employed by the Sverdlovsk Railway Line. The fate of the harvest is now in the hands of all the middlemen, that is, the railway workers, the rivermen, the shippers and recipients of nature's bounty. It is important that all these people don't waste time.

The people who live in the Far North should receive all the vegetables destined for them - in full and without losses.

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Restructuring En Route

The second half of this year's shipping season began with an unexpected surprise for the rivermen of the Ob'. Due to the stopping of gravel production on the river Sob', the Ob'-Irtys' Steamship Line stopped leasing twenty two-tonne pusher tugs, registered to the Maryakovskii Maintenance and Operations Base, run by the Western Siberian Steamship Line. How are these Siberians coping in the face of such a difficult situation? Yu. Subbotin, Director of Shipping and Traffic Services for the fleet of the Western Siberian Steamship Line spoke with our freelance Correspondent, V. Lesnikova.