

# The Land Is Our Life

*In the Arctic and sub-Arctic we make our living off the land. The growing season is short and the soil is poor in nutrients. We must hunt to survive.*

*We hunt, fish and trap as a way of life that has allowed us to survive for thousands of years in this harsh and delicate environment.*

*For generations our people have lived in balance and harmony with nature. We respect the land and it has served us well. We are part of the land and we are a natural part of the ecosystem.*

*The animal rights groups that are trying to destroy our way of life fail to consider that mankind is both a product and a part of nature. Our people now face a serious crisis. Our hunting and trapping way of life has come under attack by animal rights groups in far and distant lands who know nothing of our people and our culture.*

*If they succeed, we will lose what little independence and income is still left to us. Without understanding or realizing, they will place us on welfare and in despair.*

*Our land is considered by many to be the harshest in the world and yet the Creator providex. We are rich in wildlife of all kinds, big game, birds, fish, sea mammals and fur bearing animals. We are all part of creation and together we form the great circle of life.*