

# Closed Season For Muskrats Disturbs Man

The well known citizen of Noorvik, Robert Newlin, is speaking out against the imposition of the 1969-1970 edition of the Game Rules and Regulations that there will be no open season on mink and muskrats.

"Especially on muskrats," stated Newlin. "In spring time the natives depend on muskrats for taking the pelt, but mostly for meat."

Muskrat hunting in spring is a long standing tradition in communities such as Noorvik, White Mountain and many other villages where muskrats thrive. The pelt of the muskrat has long been popular as parka material which is warm and durable.

Robert Newlin said he was "quite disturbed" by the imposition.

"I would like for the native people to speak up on behalf of their need for reopening the muskrat season so they can hunt for muskrats for subsistence legally," Newlin made his plea.