## **Overtrapping of Beaver** Seen by Native Indian

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Grayling is now five years old and so far it is not on the maps.

Our location is 20 miles above Anvik on the Yukon River.

We have progressed to the point of a finished village now with complete running water system to every home and all that is lacking now is electricity for the village which, if we ever get it, would make our village 100 per cent improvement from our old village of Holikachuk.

With beaver trapping open now, some of the men are out trying to get some beaver. Trapping for beaver is not the same as it was years in the past as this area is just about trapped out of beaver. Every year, the trapping in this area has been getting worse. I hope the Fish and Game would close beaver trapping before all the beavers are gone from this area.

This would give the beaver a chance to build up. Now with the use of airplanes and snow vehicles, they surely are heading for a thing in the past.

There isn't much happening here in the village at the present time. With the weather getting warmer, our village is awaking to the good season of spring.

And I hope to write a longer and more interesting article in the next issue of Tundra Times.