

(Why not?)

Well, she says it's in the snake mail. "Take it out! Take it out!"

"Well, grandpa," I said, "This is fish." She said, "No, keep it out there."

So we had white folks, Masons, living in the two-room house (next to ~~the~~ John's house.) that government house. So I took it out there. Said, "I like to have it cooked." "All right." Took off the skin. He's kind o' bad to--he's got a combination o' skins--cel. They tied it over there.

BEARS, BELIEF AGAINST EATING OF

(Why didn't she like the bear meat?)

Well, I don't know. Some people--in the Bible . I, less--theodon't believe certain animals--or o' it's against the religious.

(You mean just some peoples o' the whole world?)

Yeah, just so' peoples don't like this--certain peoples.

OTTER, USE OF FUR

There used to be--what do you call this?--otter. Used to be on this little creek right here--you could see that little creek there. Then trees just run so far over there, and the rest o' the way--it's just kind o' a deep--almost creek-like, way back up here, which is where it begins--and it's freshwater. Used to be beaver, --I mean otter.

(Did you ever see them?)

My uncle, Henry (Hymberock), he chased one, one night. He's got to--he used to like to hunt. We chased one up his arrow, here (apparently narrow draw with spring at the head, tributary o' the Creek which flows through middle o' all the place.) We lost him, they're fast you know. Yeah, they're kinda short that lot. Boy, they really can get!

(Now is that different from mink?)

Well, they're almost--mink and otter almost got the same size: But their color's a little different. Like, you take these beavers--beavers got a wide tail. But those animals are almost alike. But this otter---I got a skin of one. I don't