

Statement of Michell a well-known and respected  
Indian from the Nasco River.

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I was born near Ilcatcho, and lived many years at Kluskus Lake, and about ten years ago moved to the Nasco River, where I am still living. My country was once full of beaver, and twenty years ago they were plentiful, even ten years ago there were a fair number on the creeks away from the trails, now there are scarcely any left; perhaps after hunting for four or five weeks a man will get four or five skins.

They are hunted mostly in the fall and spring. In the spring, until the end of June, they then have young ones, and ought not to be killed. I tell the boys not to kill them in the spring, as all the young ones die too.

I think that the Government should put a stop to killing beaver altogether for several years, and there are now enough left for more to come if they were left alone.

Other Indians are of the same opinion.

If the Government will authorise me I will watch and see that beaver are not killed in my part of the country.

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MICHELL. X  
mark.

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