

MUSKRAT MANAGEMENT ISSUES AND CONCERNS

Raised by Working Group in 1986

Habitat

- None.

Population

- Population estimates are inadequate.

Harvest/Use Opportunity

- Harvest estimates are inadequate.
- Could be a spring season but several problems need to be addressed.
 - Waterfowl losses
 - Where (not statewide)
 - Short time to avoid damaged pelts
 - Incidental mink catches
- Potential over-harvest if heavy trapping in spring and fall.
- Much disagreement on extended trapping seasons.