

# PROBLEMS AND STRATEGIES FOR RED FOX MANAGEMENT IN MAINE

1985

**Problem 1:** Decreasing accessibility of private lands to trapping.

Strategy 1.1: Develop a system to monitor the amount of land being lost to public access by WMU.

Strategy 1.2: Implement programs to maintain access to private lands.

Strategy 1.3: Acquire public access rights to land where necessary.

**Problem 2:** Restrictions on trapping opportunity implemented for other species (i.e., fisher, marten, bobcat) on the opportunity to harvest foxes.

Strategy 2.1: Develop selective methods for harvesting foxes.

Strategy 2.2: Implement selective methods to offset loss of trapping opportunity when it occurs.

**Problem 3:** Lack of information on the size of red fox populations throughout the State.

Strategy 3.1: Develop and implement a system to monitor red fox populations on a WMU basis.

**Problem 4:** Opposition to consumptive use of red fox by non-consumptive users.

Strategy 4.1: Develop programs to minimize the conflicts and concerns of non-consumptive users and maintain use opportunity.