

# LEAST TERN MANAGEMENT GOAL AND OBJECTIVES 2000 – 2015

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## GOAL

Increase the abundance of least terns and the number and quality of nesting sites in Maine.

Population Objective: Increase the number of nesting pairs of least terns to at least 150 distributed over 7 areas (Laudholm Beach, Crescent Surf Beach, Goose Rocks Beach, Higgins Beach, Seawall Beach, Popham Beach, and Reid State Park) in at least 3 of the prior 5 years by 2015.

Nesting Habitat Objective 1: Maintain the integrity of the nesting habitat at the 7 areas (see Population Objective) used by least terns in Maine.

Nesting Habitat Objective 2: By 2005, develop long-term management agreements to protect and manage habitat at all current least tern nesting sites in conservation ownership.

Nesting Habitat Objective 3: By 2005, develop long-term, non-regulatory habitat protection and management via management agreements, conservation easements, or acquisition at Goose Rocks and Seawall Beach.

Productivity Objective: Increase the statewide average annual productivity of least terns to 1.0 fledged chick per nesting female in at least 3 of the prior 5 years through 2015.

Outreach Objective 1: By 2004, develop with partners, an outreach plan containing measurable objectives to increase awareness and promote stewardship of nesting least terns in Maine.

Outreach Objective 2: By 2004, develop and implement a landowner assistance and recognition program, especially for landowners at Goose Rocks and Seawall Beach.