

# BEAVER MANAGEMENT ISSUES AND CONCERNS

*Raised by Working Group in 1986*

## Habitat

- There are some problems with landowners – some want beaver, some do not and some do not want damage cut also do not want trapping.
- Timber harvesting along brooks (slash in water) and skidder crossings causes problems.

## Population

- Coyotes are killing beaver.

## Harvest/Use Opportunity

- Towns are being closed even though they have high populations.
- Some areas are closed and then beaver are being shot.
- Estimates of future trapper numbers are too low.
- Nuisance beaver should only be killed as a last resort.
- There are problems associated with under-harvest:
  - Damage problems.
  - Habitat conversion to lower quality habitat.
- Use a better designation (description) when opening and/or closing individual property owners.