

PROBLEMS AND STRATEGIES FOR BEAVER MANAGEMENT IN MAINE

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Problem 1: Lack of adequate information on the size and dynamics of beaver population on a WMU basis.

Strategy 1.1: Evaluate and update existing method for measuring habitat and estimating carrying capacity.

Strategy 1.2: Evaluate existing system for monitoring populations and regulating harvest on a WMU basis.

Problem 2: Lack of harvest effort in areas that are remote and have poor access.

Strategy 2.1: Change trapping rules to shift harvest effort.

Strategy 2.2: Remove beaver from areas that are remote and have poor access by other than conventional trapper harvests.

Problem 3: Lack of a record of non-harvest beaver removals.

Strategy 3.1: Initiate a nuisance record system as already proposed.

Problem 4: Opposition to consumptive use of beaver by non-consumptive users.

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