

FISHER MANAGEMENT GOAL AND OBJECTIVES 1985 – 1990

Adopted by MDIFW Commissioner and Advisory Council in 1985

GOAL

Maintain fisher population at no lower than current (1985) levels throughout the State.

Abundance Objective: Maintain preharvest fisher populations at no lower than 1985 levels in all WMU's (estimated at 0.8/mi² habitat in WMU 7, 0.6/mi² habitat in WMUs 1 and 8, 0.51/mi² in WMU 4, 0.3/mi² habitat in WMU 3, 0.2/mi² habitat in WMU 2, 0.08/mi² habitat in WMU 5, and 0.03/mi² habitat in WMU 6) through 1990.

Harvest Objective: Maintain average harvest at 1,900 fisher per year or whatever level needed to stabilize the population (allow harvest to increase if population increases) and maintain use-opportunity (season length and timing) at current levels through 1990.