

# FEASIBILITY STATEMENTS FOR MINK MANAGEMENT GOAL AND OBJECTIVES

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**Goal:** Allow the mink population to fluctuate naturally in all WMUs.

**Abundance Objective:** Monitor the mink population but allow mink densities to fluctuate naturally in all WMUs through 1990.

**Harvest Objective:** Maintain current user opportunity (season length and timing) through 1990.

**Desirability:** Mink trappers are apparently satisfied with current regulations, and current harvests are not impacting the State's mink population. No changes in regulations are required under this goal and associated objectives. Therefore, they should be viewed as desirable by trappers.

**Feasibility:** Current harvest regulations and management programs will insure the achievement of the goal and objectives; no changes are required.

**Capability of Habitat:** Mink habitat throughout Maine is capable of supporting naturally fluctuating mink populations.

**Possible Consequences:** None expected, unless changes in the fur market result in a dramatic increase in interest in mink trapping, which may result in trappers requesting liberalization of trapping opportunity.