

MINK MANAGEMENT ISSUES AND CONCERNS

Raised by Working Group in 1986

Habitat

- Should monitor spraying of herbicides, fertilizers, etc., and siltation on ability of streams to support mink.

Population

- Distemper downeast may have affected mink as well as raccoon
- Populations estimates seem too high.
- Populations are low in Washington County.
- Spraying (herbicide and spruce budworm).

Harvest/Use Opportunity

- Incidental take of mink when winter trapping should be legalized.