

MARTEN MANAGEMENT ISSUES AND CONCERNS

Raised by Working Group in 1985

Habitat

- Loss of habitat is a serious problem in northern Maine.

Population

- Population estimates are too low in light of 1985 harvest (which was not used in the analysis).

Harvest/Use Opportunity

- Average take of marten has doubled since 1980.
- Concern of over-reacting to a high harvest in one year.
- Non-residents and aliens account for 15% of harvest. They should be restricted before residents if an over-harvest occurs.
- There is need for a better estimate of effort.
- Trappers in north need earlier opportunity to trap.