

# PROBLEMS AND STRATEGIES FOR FISHER MANAGEMENT IN MAINE

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

Strategy 1.1: Develop and implement a system to monitor populations and regulate harvests on a WMU basis.

**Problem 2:** Lack of information on whether the HIS adequately measures habitat quality and carrying capacity on a WMU basis.

Strategy 2.1: Evaluate the existing method for measuring habitat and estimating carrying capacity (with emphasis on the effects of human development and forest management activities).

**Problem 3:** Lack of timely measurement of the amount of fisher habitat by WMU and how it is changing.

Strategy 3.1: Implement a system to track habitat changes (clearcutting, land-clearing, land abandonment, and development) by WMU more frequently and current land use inventory.

**Problem 4:** Decreasing accessibility of private lands to trapping.

Strategy 4.1: Develop a system to monitor the amount of land being lost to public access by WMU.

Strategy 4.2: Develop and implement programs to maintain access to private lands.

Strategy 4.3: Acquire access rights to land where necessary.

**Problem 5:** Opposition to consumptive use of fisher by non-consumptive users.

Strategy 5.1: Develop programs to minimize conflicts and concerns of non-consumptive users and maintain use opportunity.