

# PROBLEMS AND STRATEGIES FOR RACCOON MANAGEMENT IN MAINE

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**Problem 1:** Lack of information on the size and dynamics of raccoon population.

Strategy 1.1: Develop a system to monitor raccoon populations on a WMU basis.

**Problem 2:** Opposition to consumptive use of raccoons by non-consumptive users.

Strategy 2.1: Develop programs to minimize the conflicts and concerns of these various interest groups and maintain use opportunity.

**Problem 3:** Decreasing accessibility of private lands to the trapping and hunting of raccoons.

Strategy 3.1: Develop a system to monitor the amount of land being lost to public access for consumptive user by WMU.

Strategy 3.2: Develop and implement programs to maintain access to private lands for consumptive use by WMU.

**Problem 4:** The number of raccoons killed for nuisance control outside of the season is unacceptably high to hunters and trappers.

Strategy 4.1: Implement the nuisance wildlife policy to ensure non-lethal methods are used whenever practical in solving raccoon nuisance complaints.

Strategy 4.2: Develop management programs to decrease raccoon densities in areas where nuisance complaints are excessive.