

RIVER OTTER MANAGEMENT ISSUES AND CONCERNS

Raised by Working Group in 1986

Habitat

- Water pollution eliminated otter from some areas – populations have recovered as rivers have been cleaned up.

Population

- Otter are abundant throughout the State.

Harvest/Use Opportunity

- Trapping regulations discourage otter trapping – trapping near beaver dams.
- CITES Treaty, caused pelt value decrease which results in less effort.