

WATERFOWL MANAGEMENT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES 2006 – 2021

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POPULATION AND PRODUCTIVITY GOAL

Maintain or increase waterfowl populations in Maine.

Barrow's Goldeneye

Barrow's Goldeneye Population Objective: Until 2021, maintain at 2006 population level or increase the wintering population of Barrow's Goldeneyes in Maine.

Black Duck

Black Duck Population Objective: By 2021, increase the Maine breeding population of Black Ducks by at least 15% over the 2006 population level.

Canada Goose (Resident)

Northern Zone

Resident Canada Goose Population Objective: Maintain Maine's resident goose population in the Northern Zone at the 2006 level until 2021.

Southern Zone

Resident Canada Goose Nuisance Objective: Develop and implement specific strategies that reduce Canada Geese nuisance complaints in the Southern Zone to at least 50% below 2005 levels by 2011.

Mallard

Mallard Population Objective: Maintain the Maine breeding population of Mallards at the 2006 level to 2021.

Mallard Harvest Objective: Manage Mallard at MSY to 2021.

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Wood Duck

Wood Duck Population Objective: Until 2021, maintain at the 2006 level or increase Maine's breeding Wood Duck population levels.

Wood Duck Harvest Objective: Manage Maine's Wood Duck population at MSY to 2021.

Ring-necked Duck

Ring-necked Duck Population Objective: Until 2021, maintain at the 2006 level or increase Maine's breeding population of Ring-necked Ducks.

Ring-necked Duck Harvest Objective: Maintain Maine's Ring-necked Duck harvest at 2006 levels.

Hooded Merganser

Hooded Merganser Population Objective: By 2021, decrease Maine's breeding population of Hooded Mergansers by at least 10% below 2006 levels¹.

Hooded Merganser Harvest Objective: Increase Maine's harvest of Hooded Mergansers by 20% above 2006 levels.

Other Dabblers

Population Objective for Other Dabblers: Until 2021, maintain at 2006 levels or increase Maine's breeding populations of other dabblers.

Other Divers

Population Objective 1 for Other Divers: Until 2021, maintain at 2006 levels or increase Maine's breeding populations of other divers.

Population Objective 2 for Other Divers: Until 2021, maintain at 2006 levels or increase Maine's wintering populations of divers.

¹ To increase nesting opportunity for Wood Ducks and other cavity nesters

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HABITAT GOAL

Maintain or increase the quantity and quality of breeding, staging, and wintering habitat for waterfowl in Maine.

Habitat Objective 1: Based on 2006 levels, maintain or increase the quantity and quality of breeding, staging, and wintering habitat for waterfowl in Maine by 2021.

Habitat Objective 2: By 2010, develop and maintain a list of the top ten waterfowl habitats for conservation in urban and coastal areas that are at risk of being compromised by development.

Habitat Objective 3: By 2021, increase by 10% the number of private landowners that actively manage or maintain their lands for waterfowl.

Habitat Objective 4: By 2021, increase active management of all appropriate MDIFW lands for breeding, staging, and wintering waterfowl by developing 15 major projects.

ACCESS GOAL

Increase access to waterfowl habitats for hunters and other waterfowl resource users.

Access Objective 1: By 2011, increase boat and other types of access to waterfowl sites by 10%.

Access Objective 2: By 2008, develop an effective landowner/sportsman relations program by county.

OUTREACH GOAL

Reverse the astounding decline in the number of waterfowl hunters in Maine.

Outreach Objective 1: By 2010, increase the number of waterfowl hunters in Maine by 10% over 2005 levels.

Outreach Objective 2: By 2010, in cooperation with the Maine Office of Tourism and other partners, develop an effective marketing effort for waterfowl viewing and hunting.