

BEAVER MANAGEMENT GOAL AND OBJECTIVES 1985 – 1990

Adopted by MDIFW Commissioner and Advisory Council in 1986

GOAL

Maintain beaver populations at current level (near carrying capacity) and increase harvest.

Abundance Objective: Maintain beaver populations at 1985 levels (estimated at 44,000 – 67,000 or near carrying capacity) through 1990.

Harvest Objective: Increase average harvest of beaver to 15,000 statewide per year (or whatever level needed to maintain population near carrying capacity) and maintain at that level through 1990 and minimize the mortality of beaver due to nuisance control.