

PROBLEMS AND STRATEGIES FOR RIVER OTTER MANAGEMENT IN MAINE

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Problem 1: Lack of information on the status of the otter population on a WMU basis.

Strategy 1.1: Develop a system to monitor the status of the otter population by WMU.

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

Strategy 2.1: Evaluate the existing model for measuring habitat and estimating carrying capacity.

Problem 3: Opposition to consumptive use of otter by non-consumptive users.

Strategy 3.1: Develop programs to minimize the conflicts and concerns of non-consumptive users and maintain use opportunity.