

MIGRATORY SHOREBIRD MANAGEMENT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES 2000 – 2015

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GOAL 1

Maintain or enhance vital shorebird staging and wintering habitats in Maine.

GOAL 2

Maintain or enhance nesting, feeding, and roosting habitat to support viable breeding shorebird populations in Maine.

Population Objective: Develop by 2002, and implement by 2005, an interim, standardized, scientifically sound system to inventory and monitor migrating and wintering shorebird populations in Maine, pending implementation of a national plan.

Nesting Population Objective: Develop objectives for maintaining or enhancing viable nesting populations of American oystercatchers by 2002 and willets by 2005.

Staging & Wintering Habitat Objective: By 2015, prioritize unprotected Areas of Shorebird Management Concern by species importance and level of threat and increase the acreage of habitat in conservation status within each Shorebird Management Unit by 20% from 2000 levels.

Nesting Habitat Objective: Conserve nesting habitat for breeding shorebirds in Maine (spotted sandpipers, killdeer, common snipe, willets, and American oystercatcher) at 5 priority sites by 2005 and at 20 additional priority sites by 2015.

Outreach Objective 1: By 2005 and in conjunction with partners, develop and implement an outreach plan containing measurable objectives to increase awareness and promote stewardship of migratory shorebirds and their habitats in Maine.

Outreach Objective 2: Develop and implement a landowner assistance and recognition program by 2005.