

ATLANTIC PUFFIN MANAGEMENT GOAL AND OBJECTIVES

2000 – 2015

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GOAL

Increase the number of Atlantic Puffins nesting on the coast of Maine, and increase the publics' awareness and understanding of Maine's nesting seabirds, including Atlantic Puffins.

Population Objective: Through intensive, long-term management, increase and then maintain the number of Atlantic Puffins nesting in Maine by 50% from 2000 levels by 2015.

Habitat Objective 1: By 2005, identify and prioritize sites with suitable nesting habitat for Atlantic Puffins and cultivate a relationship with partners and landowners to facilitate management.

Habitat Objective 2: By 2015, increase the number of islands with nesting populations of Atlantic Puffins by 2 from 2000 levels (4 islands), with one site located in Penobscot Bay and the second site in downeast Maine.

Outreach Objective: By 2002, develop, expand and implement, in conjunction with partners, an outreach plan to promote an understanding and awareness of nesting seabirds, including Atlantic Puffins, in Maine.