

**Title**

BLACK BEAR HABITAT STUDY

**Model Forest**

Western Newfoundland Model Forest

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August 1996

**Keywords**

Black Bear, Habitat, Ecology, Integrated Resource Management

**Objective**

The objective of this study is to investigate the ecology and habitat use of black bears in the Western Newfoundland Model Forest, in an effort to quantify habitat requirements, and develop a black bear management strategy.

**Description**

One of the primary goals of the Western Newfoundland Model Forest is to develop, demonstrate, and integrate wildlife values and objectives with timber management objectives in an integrated resource management plan. The objective of this study was to quantify black bear ecology and habitat requirements through the assessment of current population levels, population dynamics, and the availability and suitability of black bear habitat. The data obtained from this study will be used to develop a black bear management strategy, and enable wildlife values to be quantified in the integrated resource management process.

**Reports and Products**

**Ecology and Habitat Use of Black Bears in the Serpentine Lake Area of Western Newfoundland.** Mahoney, S; Dennis, W; Snow, D. 1996. Newfoundland and Labrador Wildlife Division, St. John's, Newfoundland. WNMF: 2-203-001, 56p