Procedure for Alleviating Beaver or Muskrat Related Conflicts Under M.G.L. Ch. 131 sec. 80A Do you have a problem that you think is caused by beaver or muskrat activity? Are you concerned that this problem is a threat to public health or safety? For Situations Not Involving Health or Safety (non Board of Health) Call DFW, the MSPCA, or a private contractor who can Yes No advise you of available solutions. Solutions include dam breaching, installing flow devices, and/or trapping with box/cage traps. After trying solutions for 15 days, if the Call your local board of health. The law, which If there is a concern that there roblem isn't solved, you can apply to DFW for a 30-day suggests possible threats in items "a through i", may be a threat to a public ermit to use a Conibear trap. Permission is needed from water supply, the Department of gives local boards of health the discretion to DFW and local conservation commission for breaching determine whether or not the problem is a threat Environmental Protection must and water-flow device installation. make this determination. to public health or safety. Do they think your problem does pose a threat? No Yes. 10-day emergency permit issued. You can appeal the denial to DFW (if wildlife-relatd) or DPH (if health or safety Solutions a, b, and/or c (see "Important related) Notes", below) available for no more than 10 days. Appeal approved? Threat alleviated? Yes! (It's a good Appeal denied? idea to make a long-term plan to avoid a future problem.) If problem recurs, you can apply for an Threat alleviated? additional 10-day permit, but must No. Apply, with local board of have tried alternative methods or box health, to DFW for a 30-day or cage traps. extension permit. Permit approved. Waiting for the 30-day Important Notes extension permit from Solutions a, b, and/or c (see "Important Solutions: Notes", below) available for 30 days. a) trap with box/cage or You must also, with DFW, local board of Conibear traps; You can apply to local health, and conservation commission, b) breach dam: board of health for an develop a long-term plan to solve the c) install water-flow device. additional 10-day beaver problem using water-flow devices emergency permit. If and non-lethal methods, where possible. approved, solutions a, b & c must be approved by b and/or c available for Conservation Commission. 10 days Trappers must be licensed by Threat alleviated? Yes! (It's a good idea to make a long-term plan to avoid a future Threat alleviated? problem.) No. Beaver-caused threats to public water supplies must be Are you still waiting determined by DEP. for 30-day extension When a permit is denied, an permit from DFW? individual may try alternatives for 15 days; if unsuccessful, Yes a person can apply to DFW 30-day extension permit granted. Solutions a, b, and/or of You can apply to local board of (see "Important Notes") available for 30 days. Also, you for permit to use Conibear health for 2nd additional 10-day must, with DFW, local board of health, and conservation permit. Solutions b and/or c commission, develop a long-term plan to solve the

ONLY. (see "Important Notes")

beaver problem using water-flow devices and non-lethal methods, where possible.