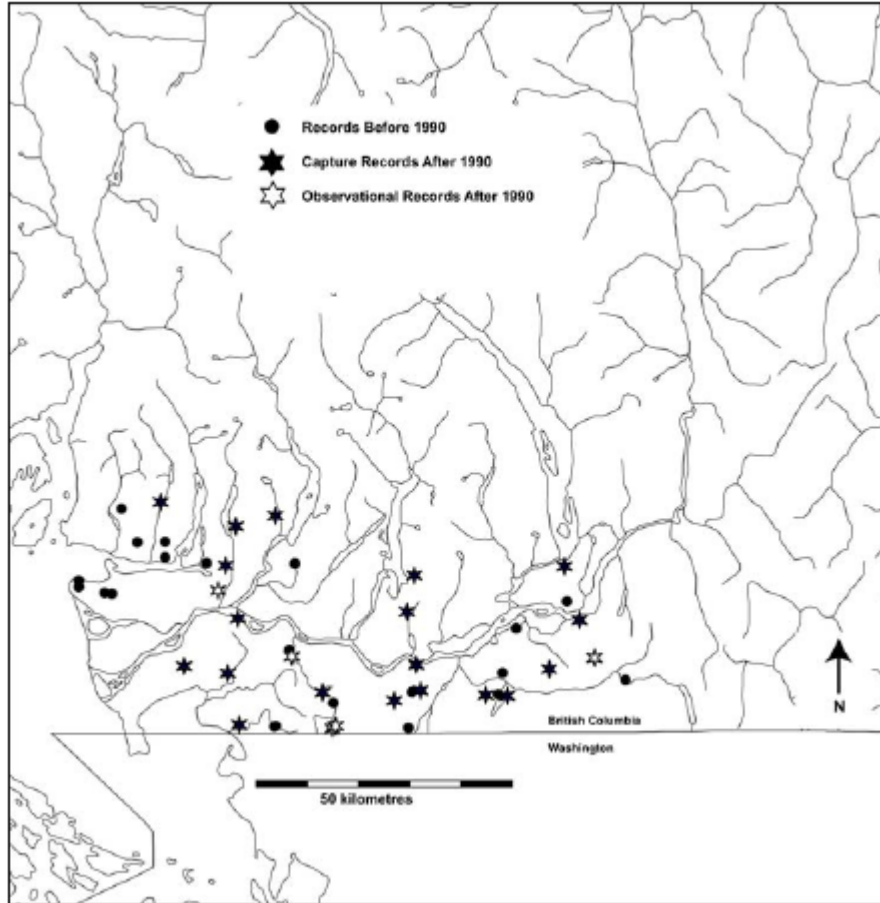


Pacific Water Shrew in British Columbia

Distribution of the Pacific Water Shrew in B.C.



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Summary of population size and trend

Population size and trends are unknown for this species, however a decline in population size is assumed due to loss of quality and quantity of habitat primarily from urban growth, agricultural development and changes in water quality (Environment Canada 2004-see link below; Ross Vennesland WLAP, pers.comm.).

For more information on the Pacific Water Shrew in British Columbia:

- BC Species and Ecosystems Explorer:
<http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/atrisk/toolintro.html>
- Identified Wildlife Management Strategy:
http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/wld/frpa/iwms/documents/Mammals/m_pacificwatershrew.pdf
- Environment Canada Species at Risk:
http://www.speciesatrisk.gc.ca/search/speciesDetails_e.cfm?SpeciesID=141

- COSEWIC Assessment Report:
<http://dsp-psd.pwgsc.gc.ca/Collection/CW69-14-81-2006E.pdf>

Criteria for selection of Pacific Water Shrew for this indicator:

- A species designated as Identified Wildlife under the *Forest and Range Practices Act*; and
- A species at risk where timber management is a known major threat.