

# Mink Research Partnership

## Priority Areas of Research 2018

### Disease

- Aleutian Disease; vaccine exploration
- Origins of Foot Pad Necrosis (FENP)

### Feeds/Nutrition

- Nutrient requirements during growth phases
- **Alternate protein source utilization (examples: seal meat, insect protein, human food chain by-product) HIGH PRIORITY**

### Physiology

- Reproductive hormone management
- Optimal ambient light effects on mink physiology (threshold and wavelength criteria)

### Management/Environment

- **Nest box environment management HIGH PRIORITY**
- Manure management
- Carcass management
- Pest control; larder beetle, flies, rodents
- Rain water control for sheds, farm

### Animal Welfare

- **Cage Design HIGH PRIORITY**
- Cage Enrichment utilization
- Health and well being
- Ethical Utilization of Mink

### Information technology

- **On farm data collection, storage and processing; incorporating hand held technologies. HIGH PRIORITY**

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