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Dear Mr. Kath:

Enclosed is a project summary for Wildlife Preservation Fund grant #05-L34W, which I received from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to partially cover the cost of printing the *Field Manual of Illinois Mammals* to be published by the Illinois Natural History Survey. Also enclosed is a copy of the next-to-final version of the manuscript for the manual.

Sincerely,

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As of 31 December 2006 the manuscript for the *Field Manual of Illinois Mammals* had been completed and was in the editorial office at the Illinois Natural History Survey (INHS) where the layout was being done. The manual includes introductory material about mammals in Illinois, an individual account for each species, keys for each order, and a glossary. Several accounts had been reviewed by biologists knowledgeable about a species or group of species. The entire text had been reviewed by Drs. Edward Heske (INHS) and Barbara Frase (Bradley University). Local artist Aleta Holt produced color drawings of all the mammals and INHS illustrator Loren Kirkwood made computer drawings of tracks and other sign. Some illustrations from the *Fieldbook of Illinois Mammals,* published by the INHS in 1957, were retained for this manual and Carolyn Nixon (INHS) made improved versions of others. Carolyn Nixon also photographed skulls from the INHS and University of Illinois Museum of Natural History mammal collections. Liane Cordle (INHS) produced county-record maps for species that are not statewide in distribution.

Enclosed is a copy of the next-to-final version of the manuscript. I will now evaluate the layout and make any changes that I think will improve the look of the book and check the quality of the illustrations. We have been unable to find the electronic files containing the retouched skull photos so we will need to work on fixing those. I will also read the text again to make sure my previous updates and revisions have been incorporated. After final changes have been made we will send the manuscript to the printer. Bids obtained by the editorial office are a few months old and new bids will be sought. In addition to this IDNR grant, I have a committment from the Illinois Department of Transportation to contribute up to $5000 towards the printing cost.

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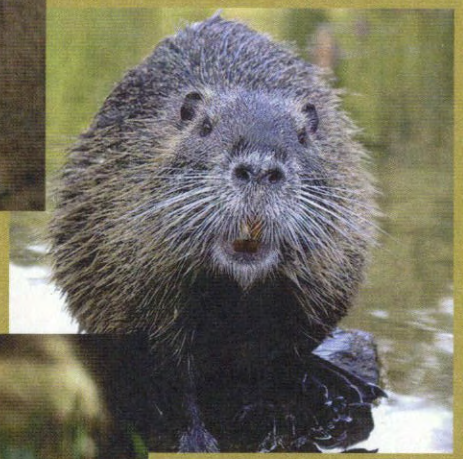

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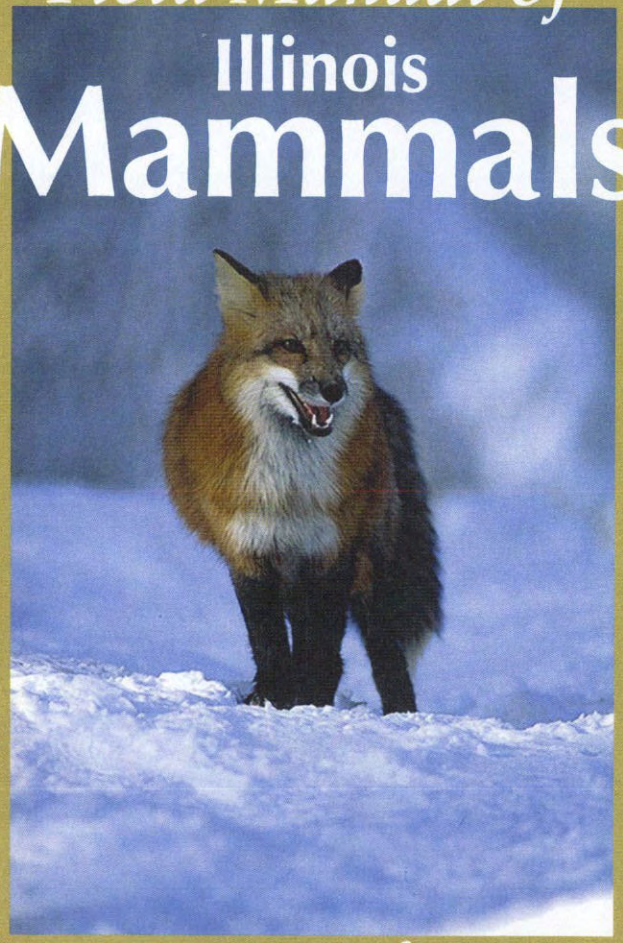

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