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The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (IF&W) in cooperation with the Department's Landowner and Sportsmen Relations Advisory Board (LSRAB) are once again hosting a Landowner / Land User Awards Banquet.

Over 90% of Maine's land is privately owned. Outdoor enthusiasts rely on the generosity of private landowners to allow public access to their land. Additionally, the responsible and appropriate use of private land by various user groups has helped to build relationships between landowners and land user groups, which allow many outdoor recreational opportunities to flourish. The IF&W Landowner Relations Program seeks to maintain Maine's unique heritage and ensure that the outdoor recreational opportunities available today, will continue to be available to future generations.

The Landowner Relations Awards Banquet is an annual event sponsored by IF&W and the LSRAB. Nomination forms are distributed to various user groups, (ATV clubs, snowmobile clubs, fish and game clubs) and landowners. The nominations are then reviewed by an awards committee from LSRAB. The selection committee seeks to recognize the most outstanding landowners and land user group through public recognition at our annual awards banquet.

Enclosed, please find the nomination form for Organized Land User Group of the Year Award. All nominations must be submitted by June 12, 2013. Nominations received or postmarked after June 12th will be considered the following year.

This year we will again be recognizing Organized Land User Groups who have gone above and beyond cooperating with and supporting landowners.

Nominations should be detailed and include only Organized Land User Groups.

There are many land users who exhibit exceptional efforts towards helping landowners make all outdoor recreation in Maine the best it can be. We look forward to receiving your nomination form. Microsoft word 2010 versions of the nomination forms are available upon request by emailing Heather.Rodrigue@maine.gov or calling 207-547-5305.

Please return to: Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
Landowner Relations Program
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Or email to Heather.Rodrigue@maine.gov

Sincerely,
Shon Theriault
Acting Game Warden Captain

Nomination for 2012 Organized Land User Group of the Year

(all nominations must be submitted by June 12, 2013)

Name, address, and phone number for contact person of Nominating Landowner:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Town(s) in which land is located: _____

Number of acres owned by landowner: _____

Land User Information:

Name of Land User Group: _____

Name of Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Please describe in detail how the Organized Land User Group has contributed to the enhancement of all outdoor recreation. This could include recognizing landowner's concerns, respecting the requests of the landowner, practicing safe and ethical use at all times, and maintaining open and frequent communication with the landowner.

Nominations should include something more than asking permission to enter land or thanking a landowner for use of the land. Nominators can include public and/or private landowners. There are many land users who exhibit exceptional effort towards helping landowners make all outdoor recreation in Maine be the best it can be.

Please include as much information as possible such as letters of support and/or endorsement from others, whereas writings will be the criteria for selecting award recipients.