



Dear Sponsor,

On June 10th-14th, 2019, the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Maine Chapter of the Wildlife Society will host the 53rd North American Moose Conference and Workshop at the Sugarloaf Mountain Hotel and Conference Center. It has been 18 years since Maine hosted the conference – a state with more moose than any other in the lower 48 states! This conference and the attendant peer-reviewed journal “ALCES” provide the annual forums for scientific presentations and discussions concerning moose biology, research, and management. It is at this annual conference that wildlife biologists share ideas and information to best manage moose the most iconic animal of the North Woods! We are asking for your direct support to help Maine provide a highly educational and memorable conference in 2019.

We anticipate biologists from the northern states, Canadian provinces, Scandinavia, and other parts of Europe to attend. To maximize participation, we hope to reduce the cost of attendance in this time of restricted state and provincial budgets. The Sugarloaf Mountain Hotel has generously reduced room rates to accommodate participants who are nearly all public servants of state and federal agencies responsible for managing our moose resource.

We are hoping to raise additional support to offset the cost of meals/breaks/transportation for 100-120 attendees as well as garner additional support for travel grants for both newcomers (students) as well as retirees. We are looking for financial sponsorships of \$1,000 - \$3,000 dollars or more to help offset the total cost of the conference and workshop. Commitments should be made by January 31, 2019. **Check can be written to the METWS (Maine Chapter of the Wildlife Society) with “North American Moose Conference” written in the memo section.** Contributions can be mailed to me at the address below. All sponsors will appear on the website, the Conference booklet, Volume 55 of *ALCES* (2019), and on a placard/banner at the Conference if provided. We will also provide sponsors booth space at the conference adjacent to daily events.

Maine/New England is at the forefront of moose management, research, ecotourism, and hunting in the lower 48; please help us provide the best Moose Conference that Maine can offer, in our collective efforts to manage this invaluable regional resource. The organizing committee of the North American Moose Conference and Workshop thanks you in advance for your interest and support of science-based moose management.

Thank you for your consideration and please contact me with any questions,

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