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## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Doug Forsdick



Hello to all. As I write this note on the first day of spring, many of us are through the bulk of what was an extremely mild winter. Having said that, I am sure many of you are still anxiously awaiting the arrival of spring.

I have just returned from our winter board meeting in Arizona. We attempt to have our winter meetings in locations where we can minimize costs to the association related to meals and lodging. This year we had a facility donated and with three days' notice we were informed that they had double booked. Kurt Bahti, NAWEOA Past President, and his dear wife Karen were gracious enough to open their home to the entire board of directors as well as the Quebec, Minnesota, and Museum contingent. The Arizona Game and Fish Department as well as several fellow officers assisted Kurt and Karen with hosting this meeting. I would like to thank Kurt, Karen, the Arizona Game Rangers Lodge 71, and the Arizona Game and Fish Department. The meeting was a huge success thanks to your collective efforts.

Some of the highlights of the meeting included a decision to donate \$50,000 to the Game Warden Museum over a 5 year period to sponsor the educational room within the Museum. The funds will be provided to the museum at \$10,000 US a year for the next 5 years. This is in addition to the current obligation under our MOU with the museum to contribute \$11,000 a year toward the building fund. Those involved with the museum have done a great job and many NAWEOA members have told us they feel the Museum is a great place to direct a portion of our surplus funds. I would encourage anyone that has not done so to get on the museum website and follow their progress. I would also encourage everyone to consider sponsoring a paving stone to be placed on museum grounds. These may be engraved with an inscription and logo. This is a popular option for families, companies, or club chapters as a permanent sign of support.

The newsletter that you are currently reading is the last edition that Pat and Val Brown will prepare. They have done an excellent job and should be commended for their hard work. The first issue that Pat and Val prepared was in the Spring of 1999. Thanks

again to both of them for their devotion to NAWEOA. Levi Krause from Nebraska is the new editor and will be taking over from Pat and Val. Thanks to you too Levi for stepping up to the plate.

Another item that was discussed at the Winter Meeting was the need to complete the fallen officer information that is listed on our website. There are several officers listed without detailed information. Please take the time to have a look at this and if you have any of the missing information, pass it along to your Regional Director or any board member. I will truly like to see this project completed with no blanks.

NAWEOA recently created a Conference Liaison position to be the link between the board of directors and the conference hosts. Conferences are becoming larger and more complex to put on, and a need was determined. Randy Hancock was selected to fill this position and all reports from the board as well as from the conference hosts have been 100 % positive. Thanks Randy you are doing an excellent job. I would encourage any jurisdiction that is interested in hosting a conference to speak with Randy or any board member if you have any questions.

Plans for the NAWEOA Conferences in Quebec (2006) and Minnesota (2007) are well underway and those that are working on the conferences have done an excellent job in organizing and bringing forward some top notch training with a good mix of instructors and speakers. Both host committees are doing a great job and we can expect a couple of great conferences in the future. Thanks for all of your efforts.

I would also like to thank all of those officers in BC that put together a very successful conference this past summer. I have heard many positive reports.

I encourage everyone to have a look at the NAWEOA website if you have not done so in a while. It is a great resource for information on NAWEOA as well as information from many other agencies and association within NAWEOA. Announcements include Alberta Game Wardens Association sale of "Wardens for Wishes" 2006 Calendar, where proceeds are directed to the Children's Wish Foundation of Canada, several job postings, IGW information, information related to the Katrina disaster funds, to name just a few.

IGW is continuing to grow and maintain a superb standard, thanks to the folks involved with that venture. This year we are seeing profit dollars injected into NAWEOA from the magazine. We are in need of assistance from folks that would like to be involved in the securing of advertising for the magazine. If anyone is interested in helping out in that area, please contact Dave Silversides or myself.

In closing I would like to thank everyone out there that promotes, supports, and is part

of NAWEOA. Your collective efforts make it a great organization that continues to thrive. I wish you all a safe season ahead and look forward to seeing many of you in Quebec. Be safe out there and take care.

### **ATTENTION FUTURE CONFERENCE HOSTS!!**

**Is your Association or  
Agency thinking of  
hosting a  
NAWEOA  
Conference?**

**Currently we need  
folks to volunteer for  
2008 and 2009.**

If this sounds like  
something that you  
want to get involved in,  
it's time to get ready! It  
is not too early to start  
planning.

If you want more details about what is entailed in presenting a conference bid, please contact Randy Hancock by email at [randy.hancock@state.co.us](mailto:randy.hancock@state.co.us) or call 719 539 8413 (cell), 719 395 2880 (home).

## NAWEOA AWARDS CRITERIA

### NAWEOA Officer of the Year

Nominees must be a member of NAWEOA and a full time field officer up to and including first line supervisors. Nominations should show the officer has character beyond reproach; is competent, knowledgeable and capable; promotes wildlife law enforcement; and demonstrates professionalism in every facet of life. Background material supporting the nomination is welcome and shall not exceed five pages. Other supportive articles, certificates, media coverage, etc. may be included with the nomination. Deadline for this nomination is May 1 each year. Awarded to one recipient each year at annual conference.

### NAWEOA Torch Award

Nominees must be NAWEOA members who have not worked as a wildlife law enforcement officer for more than five years; they must have demonstrated a genuine desire to protect the resource and develop professionally; have demonstrated exceptional ability and initiative in the performance of their duties, including public education. Background material supporting the nomination is welcome and shall not exceed three pages. Deadlines for this nomination is May 1 each year. Awarded to one recipient in each of NAWEOA's seven administrative regions each year at the annual conference.

### Certificate of Award

Anyone who is eligible for regular membership may be nominated for this award. It is given for outstanding achievement or service in the field of wildlife law enforcement.

### Certificate of Retirement

Anyone who is eligible for regular membership may receive this award. It is given to honor years of service to the profession.

### Certificate of Valor

Anyone who is eligible for regular membership may be nominated for this award. It is given to the officer who performs a heroic act, or who risks or receives serious injury in the line of duty in an attempt to protect himself/herself or others from a dangerous situation. It infers bravery in the face of adversity.

### Lifesaving Award

Anyone who is eligible for regular membership may be nominated for this award. It is given for any act, at any time, which saves the life of another person.

### Certificate of Appreciation

Any person who, in any way, is helpful to the Association may be nominated for this award. This includes, but is not limited to: speakers, conference or workshop hosts, fundraisers, committee or special project members, citizens or politicians.

### Honorary Lifetime Membership

Anyone who has performed an extraordinary service to the Association over a number of years may be nominated for this award. It is one of our most prestigious awards and may only be given in rare circumstances. Anyone who is eligible for regular membership in the Association, upon receiving this award, shall maintain their voting privileges within the Association.

*Note: Unless noted above, all above awards, with the exception of the Certificate of Retirement, must be submitted to the NAWEOA Executive for review not later than June 30 of any year for presentation at the annual conference. Contact your Regional Director for Certificates of Retirement as needed throughout the year.*



## SOUVENIR PATCHES AVAILABLE

Here is the 2005 NAWEOA patch. Only 500 have been produced. Cost per patch, which includes shipping and handling, for 2000 through 2005 patches is \$7.00 US. (Remaining inventories of 1996 through 1999 patches have been given to the Game Warden Museum and are no longer available from NAWEOA.)

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Doug Forsdick  
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Dear Doug:

All of us in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Office of Law Enforcement were deeply touched to learn of the generosity of the North American Wildlife Enforcement Officers Association in response to the unexpected death of Special Agent Thomas Cloherty.

The Association's contribution of \$2,500 to Special Agent Cloherty's family testifies to the strength of the bonds that unite all of us who enforce the Nation's wildlife protection laws. Tom described working in wildlife law enforcement as his "dream job" and was immensely proud to be a Service special agent. We are pleased that the North American wildlife law enforcement community has chosen this concrete way to commemorate his contributions to wildlife conservation and mourn his untimely passing.

We are sure that the Association's gift will be valued by Special Agent Cloherty's family both as a source of immediate material assistance and as a sign of respect and solidarity from his fellow wildlife enforcement officers throughout the United States and Canada.

We thank the North American Wildlife Enforcement Officers Association for paying tribute to Tom's service as a Fish and Wildlife Service special agent and expressing condolences to his grieving family in this most generous and meaningful way. Please share our appreciation and gratitude with your members.

Sincerely,

Kevin R. Adams  
Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

## NAWEOA 2006 Election Call

There will be elections for the three Canadian Regional Directors during the summer conference in Quebec. The current Canadian directors, Kevin Schoepp from Saskatchewan, Earl Simmons of Manitoba and Bob Penton from Newfoundland & Labrador are all eligible for re-election.

We are seeking nominations for all three positions from any interested members in good standing. If you are thinking about getting more involved in the operations of NAWEOA then we suggest that you go to the website [www.naweo.org](http://www.naweo.org) and look up the duties of a Regional Director. The position serves as the hub of communications from the board to our members through their Jurisdictional Representatives. It is a busy but rewarding position. A computer with internet access is a must for the position these days as much of the association's business is conducted this way. The position also requires attendance at the winter and summer executive board meetings. So, if you are interested and have a lot of dedication and energy, please send your nominations to Past-President Kurt Bahti at [kb2@theriver.com](mailto:kb2@theriver.com) or send it to him through the NAWEOA website. Make sure a NAWEOA member in good standing seconds the nomination.



## Region 1 Report by Kevin Schoepp

Hello everyone, and on behalf of the Region 1 membership I hope this report finds each of you enjoying life, family and career. I truly enjoy working for the membership as Region 1 Director on the NAWEOA board and as always thank my Jurisdictional Representatives for all of their support. A recent addition to Region 1 is the ANROA (Alberta Natural Resource Officer Association) members. These are the conservation officers who work within the provincial park system in Alberta. Welcome aboard. I would also like to pass along congratulations to the many retiring conservation officers/game wardens/fishery officers I have sent Retirement Certificates to over the last year. Thank you for all your dedication and devotion to protecting our natural resources across Canada. Enjoy your retirement it is well deserved.

**Arnold DeBoon, President of the Society of British Columbia Conservation Officers**, reports that the NAWEOA 2005 conference in Penticton was a huge success and a lot of fun for everyone. If we were having fun as hosts, it would seem to me that all the delegates were having even more fun. With so many activities and so many unique moments, the one that stands out most in my mind is not the ceremonies or banquets or raffles or the business program. It was a simple little thing that perhaps many didn't notice. It was the reaction of all the kids at the Warden Skills to the farting moose! I'll bet it was one of the first stories they told their friends when they got home. It's sometimes asking a lot of your family to expect them to go with you to a conference far away that involves your job and your peers, and hope that somehow they have a good time along with you. It was clear at this conference that it worked. Family members that came along did have a good time, and that's what made NAWEOA 2005 a success. It's worked at every NAWEOA Conference I've gone to, and it makes me want to keep going back!

NAWEOA 2005 was the culmination of 5 years of work and planning and we were very fortunate to have the continued support of our employers even through all the changes and cutbacks we faced along the way.

It occupied a great deal of time for all that were involved, and it meant that many others

could not be involved. To all those people, we owe a great big thanks!

The "NAWEOA Hangover" was very short and that meant getting back into the field; and with a group of eager Seasonal Conservation Officers to supplement our numbers; hunting season was a very busy time and a lot of good investigations were generated. Big game numbers appear to be approaching historical highs in BC, and hunters were making the most of the opportunities they had. In the Kootenays where I work, we wanted to help provide opportunities to hunters, so we traveled the countryside with a brand new mule deer and a brand new whitetail deer decoy. Twenty-two hunters couldn't believe their luck when they saw a nice buck standing out in the open just staring at them!!

Currently as an agency, the Conservation Officer Service is undergoing a complete business review from the inside out. It involves a group of sixteen officers from various parts of BC, representing the various levels and job descriptions of all the CO's in BC, and we are examining the job we do as well as the service we provide for the other branches of the Ministry of Environment and the public. We are comparing ourselves to many other similar agencies in North America, and we will come out with a full report in June of this year.

**Yukon Conservation Officers Association President Kirby Meister** reports all is well with Conservation Officer Service in Yukon. Our Department has, over the last several months, been going through a hiring process to get our officer staff level back up to where it belongs. For quite some time now, vacancies have been left that way, and everyone else has had to pick up the slack. Most of our districts have either one or two officers, so vacant positions affect us greatly. By the time this is being read, we will be staffed at 100%, the first time in 8 years!

We are also now entered into negotiations with our Senior Management regarding overtime and as with so many agencies around the Continent, overtime is a four letter word. At present, there is no budget for overtime and so many of our officers put in free time to get the job done right. We seem to have a management team willing to listen, so hopefully a deal can be struck soon.

Our in-service officer training program continues to provide us with what our officers need to stay up to date in this ever changing world and our department is investing in upgrading and expanding our system of remote patrol cabins. With training in how to get out of an airplane that is upside down in the water and well stocked accommodation in the backcountry, Yukon Officers will be able to get out and do the job they love.

All of the above leads to good morale amongst the staff, and happy officers are productive officers! This past year saw the usual caseloads of things like over limits of fish, shooting from the roads and in the Mayo district officers received a tip from a citizen who had discovered a moose partly wasted on a remote, fly-in lake. The investigation resulted in a resident hunter being charged and convicted of meat wastage. This individual paid a fine of \$1,200, most of which the

Court directed be paid to the Yukon Conservation Fund.

**Jamie Chambers** reports that the NWT Renewable Resource Officers Association had their annual general meeting in February and the new President is Ian Ellsworth from Inuvik. The meeting had a full agenda including a complete review of the Association By-laws, issues around membership and an update from our Health and Safety Committee. Our association is working at getting a new dress uniform for officers and an active committee on side arms for officers. The standing joke that "we do law enforcement with our charm and good looks" (If that's the case some of us are in big trouble) is running a little thin. Our management did hire an outside consultant who reported that our officers are working in an unsafe environment. The report went on to recommend that our officers be issued sidearms. Any support that our NAWEOA brothers and sisters can offer would be appreciated.

Finally, in the spirit of "Recognizing the Good Guys" I would like to recognize one of our outgoing members. Renewable Resource Officer III Ken Davidge has retired this January after over 30 years as an officer with our agency. Ken was known for his easy going, level headed approach to situations and his great love of the outdoors. For a retirement gift we presented Ken with the Bill Peters print which was given to our agency at the 2005 conference in Penticton, BC. During Ken's farewell speech he made several references to NAWEOA and reminded the officers there how important it is to get involved.

**John Niddrie** advises on behalf of National Park Wardens that new Federal Court hearings are currently underway regarding the May 2005 Federal Court of Appeal decision not to arm Park Wardens. The hearings are expected to conclude at the beginning of March with a decision likely several months after that. For more information and updates please visit our National Park Warden Association website at: [www.parkwardens.ca](http://www.parkwardens.ca).

The majority of Park Wardens were recently re-classified and in most cases to one level higher, retroactive to the spring of 1999. This pay boost makes us equivalent to other federal resource officer departments.

Two recent successful court convictions in western Canada included a \$10,000 fine for an elk poacher in Jasper National Park, and a \$2000 fine for a fossil poacher caught stealing Burgess Shale fossils at a World Heritage Site in Yoho National Park.

Parks Canada also recently sent a group of Wardens to a Verbal Judo "Train the Trainer" Workshop in Edmonton in which I attended as well. Great bunch of folks and just wanted to say I really enjoyed hanging out for the week with Murray Hindle and his crew! WOOSHA!

**Ross Stewart, Canadian Wildlife Service (CWS)** – Saskatchewan reports from the Prairie and Northern Region that Environment Canada has conceived a new clear line reporting model - badge to badge enforcement structure. Both the Wildlife and Environmental Protection Enforcement Programs will once again be delivered as a

single, unified program headed by a Chief Enforcement Officer, reporting directly to the Deputy Minister. Wildlife enforcement retains the name of Canadian Wildlife Service and reports to a Regional Director of Wildlife Enforcement.

The Prairie and North Region is currently undergoing a staffing competition for a Wildlife Officer in Calgary. Yvan Lafleur, our Director of Wildlife Enforcement based at headquarters in Ottawa, will retire this year. Wildlife Officer Tom Kenway was chosen as the representative for Canada on the newly formed CITES Falcon Enforcement Task Force and attended three days of meetings that were hosted by the United Arab Emirates in Abu Dhabi.

A recent case of interest includes an individual fined \$500 on each on two counts of importing turtles and tortoises without permits under the Wild Animal and Plant Protection Regulation of International and Interprovincial Trade Act (WAPPRIITA) and one count under the Customs Act in Surrey Provincial Court. In addition, he was ordered to pay \$6500 for Environmental Damages of which up to \$2000 will go to the Vancouver Aquarium and Marine Science Centre for taking care of seized animals and funding towards public education programs on the trade in protected species.

**Rich Elson, President of the Society of Pacific Fishery Officers**, reports that Fisheries and Oceans Canada is indeed going through more change. The next phase within DFO will see the hiring of 12 Stewardship and Monitoring Officers and the reduction of 24 Fishery Officer Positions. It's reported that no one will lose their job.

Recognition goes out to Fishery Officers Ed Thorburn and Greg Russell for rescuing the crew of the sinking fishing vessel Westerly Gail off of Kyuquot.

DFO Officer Neil Jensen was also recently certified as the first Fishery Officer in Canada to teach the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program. Interacting with youth is nothing new to Jensen. Boating safety and understanding/respect for fish habitat are usual topics that Neil delivers to kids. Jensen, convinced that the program can 'make a difference in the lives of kids' and build on existing positive partnerships, jumped at the opportunity to help deliver the D.A.R.E. program in the Langley area. Way to go Neil!

**SACO President Steve Dobko** reports record mild temperatures in Saskatchewan this winter and that we have already had one officer go through the ice while traveling on a quad. Fortunately he was able to get to good ice and safety.

Officers are eagerly awaiting the announcement of the 2006 provincial budget. Most of you are aware that we had 18 officer positions cut in last year's budget and as a result our department hired a consultant to conduct a benchmark study of the branch and to provide recommendations for the most effective organizational model. There were 15 different recommendations but the most notable recommendation suggested an investment of 24-57 new officer positions. We're not holding our breath but it appears there

may be some relief and additional officer positions coming.

As with other jurisdictions we have faced a few losses that have shaken the ranks. In August Laurie Rohs, Wildlife Enforcement Specialist passed away from a heart attack. He had just returned with his family from attending the NAWEOA Conference in Penticton. Laurie was known across the province as one of our best investigators. Laurie was always active as a member of our association and was also a real believer in NAWEOA and all the networking and camaraderie it provides. Laurie always believed that what he could do made a difference and I think this is what he had in mind for our association when he actively pursued bringing the HOFNOD program to Saskatchewan and Canada. In December we also received the sad news of the passing of Shannon Carr, wife of Saskatchewan Conservation Officer and former NAWEOA Region 1 Director Kevin Carr. So it has been a difficult time for our officers and their families.

Several notable investigations were concluded and one investigation spanning over several years resulted in 7 American hunters being fined almost \$ 19,000 for a variety of wildlife violations related to exceeding bag limits, killing protected species and more in southwestern Saskatchewan. Another case involved numerous Quebec hunters fined upwards of \$8,000 for illegal hunting activities and tagging deer in Saskatchewan with their Manitoba hunting tags. The leader of this group also forfeited his \$5,000 Weatherby hunting rifle as part of the plea arrangement.

## THINK ABOUT IT!!

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## Region 2 Report by Earl Simmons

Hello everyone. I hope this report finds everyone in good health and spirits. I would like to thank the NAWEOA Game Warden Museum Board, which has done a tremendous job of ensuring that our museum got built and staffed with informed people who can share the knowledge about our profession to people from around the world. The board is made up of Del Tibke, Gary Rankin, Paul Freeman, and Richard Knapp of North Dakota, Dennis Hlady, David Grant and Dwayne Strate of Manitoba, Paul Hopkins of Saskatchewan, Marion Hoffman of New York and John Green of Rhode Island. Check out their website <http://www.gamewardenmuseum.org> and consider purchasing a paving stone.

In our aging profession we continue to lose a wealth of experience and knowledge to retirement. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our officers who have retired for their many years of dedicated service and ensuring that knowledge was passed down to younger officers in our very proud profession. Good luck in your retirement.

**Julie Horvath, of Ottawa, Ontario, reports that the National Capital Commission Conservation section** has had a great year with an increase of approximately 500 tickets and written warnings primarily under the *National Capital Commission Traffic and Property Regulations* (camping, liquor, trespass). It is something to be noted considering our section consists of only 12 Conservation Officers. There were 76 incidents of search and rescue operations in Gatineau Park and a total of 9 forest fires/grass fires on National Capital Commission lands. Along with various other duties, our officers performed a total of 9 large mammal relocations (black bear and white-tailed deer). Conservation Officers put in approximately 200 hours in beaver management for all National Capital Commission lands. For more info go to: <http://www.canadascapital.gc.ca/bins/index.asp>

**Richard Labossiere of the CWS (Canadian Wildlife Service)** reports that they most recently concluded a coral smuggling file and the importer, a business owner from Brandon, received a \$1,300 fine for his

indiscretions. The live coral had been imported from Florida without CITES permits and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Declaration Forms. A total of 12 live coral was seized and eventually ended up in the Saltwater Display tank at the Assiniboine Park Zoo.

**Environment Canada's** wildlife enforcement branch, in cooperation with other federal, provincial and U.S. government agencies, conducted a series of "border blitzes" at 6 land border crossings and airports in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba this fall. The Enforcement Campaign resulted in over 1500 hunters and fishermen being checked, 69 charges were laid and 73 written warnings issued which resulted in over \$20,000 in fines. Seizures included over 280 migratory game birds, 100 fish, 8 sets of deer antlers, 1 set of elk antlers, 1 black bear skull and hide, 1 moose antler, large quantities of processed waterfowl and deer meat, and even whale parts.

**Ray Thibadeau, Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) representative,** informs us that it has been a rough year for Federal Fishery Officers in Central and Arctic region. We are still facing a cut of all but 5 Officers for the Prairies Area and 5 for Ontario Great Lakes Area. Areas of interior British Columbia where Officers are dedicated to habitat enforcement will be included in these cuts. The Arctic area will not be affected. No information has been released yet as to how DFO is going to choose who stays and who goes. We have been told that the officers who are asked to stay for each Area will be located in Calgary, Alberta and Peterborough, Ontario.

**Russell Brandon, Conservation Officer in Kimmirut, Nunavut** reports "from the top of the world" that another busy year has come and gone for the Conservation Officers in Canada's newest territory, Nunavut. The Government of Nunavut has continued to grow and evolve. The Department of Environment is perpetually building a strong Wildlife Service team, continuing with their commitment to meet officer training needs. This commitment will be reflected again in the upcoming annual Officers Conference. At the field level, patrols and wildlife management techniques have continued to be a large component of the Conservation Officer's duties.

Three new training recruits have been hired by the Department of the Environment within the new Officer Training Program. The intention of this program is to hire one trainee for each of the three regions. Each recruit will be required to work with a Conservation Officer in a station for three years. They will be trained in both administrative and field duties. After the 3 year internship the trainees will be posted to a vacant station within Nunavut.

To alleviate the high cost associated with fulfilling training needs in Nunavut, the Department has initiated the recruitment and certification of instructors from within the ranks. To date, 3 Conservation Officers

attended training with the RCMP in Whitehorse Yukon and are now certified Basic Firearm Instructors. Four Officers also attended training with St. Johns Ambulance in Yellowknife NWT and are now certified First Aid Instructors.

Patrols continue to be a large component of the Conservation Officers duties. The landscape in Nunavut is one of extremes; one minute, it can be a balmy -10C, the next, -35C with a 100kph cross wind. The CO must be prepared both mentally, physically and logistically to spend days and even weeks on the land due to adverse weather.

Most stations are staffed with only one Officer, therefore in the past year Officers from remote communities have worked together, carrying out joint patrols. Igloodik and Hall Beach regularly patrol between the two communities, while Rankin and Baker Lake also work closely. Officers from Kimmirut, Territorial Parks, and Iqaluit also cooperate and jointly patrol the area between the Capital and the smaller community of Kimmirut.

In April of 2005, Officers from Qikiqtarjuaq, Clyde River, Pond Inlet, and Igloodik combined skills and equipment to patrol the circumference of Northern Baffin Island. Over 23 days the Conservation Officers, and the Baffin Regional Wildlife Manager traveled over 3,200 km and included a remote mine inspection and collection of valuable wildlife data.

This year polar bear data collection was a very high priority. From late August to October 2005 the DOE staff (Mitch Taylor - Polar Bear Biologist, Moshi Kotierk - Carnivore Biologist and Curtis Didham - CO) along with members from various HTA's, started the first of a 3 year Davis Strait Polar Bear tag/recapture population study. A helicopter was used to fly the Davis Strait coastlines and islands. Staff stayed in various cabins and camps during the study.

On one day, 9 polar bears were sighted feeding on a Walrus kill. Most of the Walrus had been eaten with only the head left behind. When a polar bear was found by helicopter, it was darted from the air and various samples would be taken. Ear tags and lip tattoos were applied to the bear. The average processing time is 15-20 minutes per animal. 624 polar bears were captured in total, with 24 being the most captured in one day. During the next 2 years the Department of Environment will try to re-capture the bears to help determine a population estimate for the Davis Strait area.

**Bruce and Lydia Ward, Jurisdictional Reps from Ontario** advise that Ontario's Natural Resource's Enforcement program has significant changes to report.

For over a decade the agency did without its own after hours report a violation phone lines, and instead piggybacked on the Nation Wide Crime Stoppers anonymous tip lines in an attempt to save money. Last September

Ontario proudly announced its own 24 hour, 7 days a week, toll free phone lines to MNR's Provincial Communication Unit in Sault Ste Marie. Staff receive the calls live and document as much information as possible, and can relay the complaint to the nearest on duty Conservation Officer or Enforcement Supervisor for response! The number is 1-877-TIPS-MNR (847-7667).

Ontario's Enforcement Branch is being restructured beginning April 1, 2006, resulting in direct line reporting from field CO's through Lake/District Enforcement Supervisors, to Regional Enforcement Operations Manager to a Manager of Provincial Operations who reports to Serge Tenaglia (the Director of the Branch). Incumbent with this new reporting relationship will be greater accountability of field officers to Branch directives, and greater reliance upon work plans targeting core program responsibilities, intelligence driven investigations, and less general patrol. Re-establishing the priority of the public education and availability to client gatherings (pro-active enforcement component) of each officer's duties is seen as an important key to the future success of our program.

Ontario is also establishing a new CO recruitment strategy, involving aptitude, fitness, proficiency with related equipment and criminal records screening. The recruits' in-class and practical training will increase in duration and include work placements accompanying coach officers to gain field exposure, resulting in the establishment of a provincial eligibility list to allow graduates to be field ready and available for assignment to the next vacancy determined a priority to be filled. As a result districts won't have to engage in job competitions when vacant positions are identified for filling. In the interim four CO-interns are currently involved with coach officers in 4 districts.

Increased responsibilities to enforce additional legislation beyond traditional natural resource protection duties has begun, including individual (as opposed to a class designation) designation as Special Constables of the Ontario Provincial Police to enable Conservation Officers to enforce sections of the provincial Liquor Licence Control Act pertaining to possession, and consumption of alcohol while boating or hunting. In addition expanding responsibilities to enable Conservation Officers to enforce safety provisions of the federal small vessels regulations regarding such violations as they might encounter while conducting traditional boat patrols. A special meeting of all officers province wide is planned for late winter in Sault Ste Marie for the first time since our centennial in 1992.

Despite the shocking news during the 25<sup>th</sup> NAWEOA Conference that an OMNR fixed wing enforcement flight had crashed while landing, we can report that both the occupants survived without serious injury thanks to heroic actions of the CO pilot who

rescued his passenger who was trapped in the partially submerged aircraft.

With many successful special investigations and significant prosecutions in the past year, check out the OCOA website [www.oco.ca](http://www.oco.ca) and click "News".

The Upper Great Lakes Management Unit initiated the first Provincial use of a tracking warrant for a commercial fish tug in a mammoth prosecution resulting the laying of several hundred charges against a commercial fishery on Lake Huron (more after the court case is resolved).

**Gerry Rosset, President of Manitoba Officers Association (M.N.R.O.A.),** reports that the Officers Association was once again afforded the opportunity to meet with our Minister. There remains good dialogue with a well-informed minister. We were able to emphasize the officers' concerns over district closures and operating with a reduced complement since the loss of 10 positions last year. There has been progress since with the net loss now at 8 positions. The minister understands that due to the geography of the province and district boundaries any closures result in reduced services to the public and reduced department representation out there. Hopefully the trend of district closures and officer vacancies will cease.

The NROs in Manitoba are multi-disciplined and there have been several rumors of possibly streaming of the positions in order to more effectively meet department objectives. To date management has answered our queries on this subject by stating there are no immediate plans to streamline the NRO series; the only exception being the proposal to include "Park Administrator" positions in the two busiest park districts. This would remove the large administrative function from the District Supervisor in these areas and allow him to function more in line with what most District Supervisors do.

The provincial employees' contract is up for renewal this spring. The Officers Association/ union committee has tabled several resolutions for bargaining. The main one deals with improvements to northern officers benefits, such as paid trips out and travel time comparable to crown corporation employees in the same communities. Other resolutions deal with qualification pay for firearms and officer safety instructors as well as for certified Incident Management Team members, allotted time for physical fitness training. The unresolved issue of paid moves upon retirement from "all" locations in the province has gone back to bargaining for final resolution.

The officers are relieved to see management agrees with our position on annual Officer Safety Training. Two years ago, due to budget constraints, the training was scheduled to occur every second year. This has since been changed to include this important training on an annual basis.

There have been a couple of noteworthy enforcement cases recently. The first occurred

last spring when the Special Investigation Unit completed a joint forces project with the Saskatchewan Unit. The investigation dealt with the illegal antler trade in both provinces. The suspects were part of a cross border buy and sell operation for trophy racks and antler sales. To date the Saskatchewan suspect was assessed a \$42,000 fine or 2 years jail in default, for Sask. Wildlife Act charges. The 2 primary suspects in Manitoba have yet to stand trial.

The other interesting enforcement case occurred in the Sprague District located in the southeast corner of the province. The officers there conducted a decoy operation to curb illegal road hunting during the rifle deer season. In one 6 hour period at one location these officers were able to apprehend 12 different outfits/vehicles engaged in hunting from a public road. The suspects fired a total of 18 times at the decoy from the road, some shot from inside the vehicles. The norm here is 1 or 2 outfits not 12 in one day! The officers issued 15 tickets with \$10,825 in fines.

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## BUBBA AND CLEM

Bubba and Clem found three hand grenades and they decided that they better take them to the police station. "What if one of them explodes before we get there?" asks Clem. "Don't worry about it," says Bubba. "We'll just lie and tell them we only found two."



## Region 3 Report by Bob Penton

Where has the year gone, feels like it was only yesterday we were at the conference in BC, and now we are talking about Quebec, I must be getting older because time just flies by to my chagrin. I am in my office looking out the window to the start of another Snow Storm. Our snow came late this year and boy, it's here with a vengeance.

Colin Cheater our JRep from Newfoundland and Labrador says hi to everyone from the good Old Rock, and well done to British Columbia for their excellent Convention. From all reports it was a great time and very well organized.

Well it's official, sidearm training for our Officers began at Holland College in PEI in October 2005 with everyone slated to be trained by the end of February 2006. Each session is 2 weeks long and I can say that the instruction and the facilities are top notch. Our sidearm will be a .40 cal Sig Sauer P226, and will be issued sometime in mid March 2006. In the meantime policy is being circulated for input and analysis. Our Department is to be commended for their swift response to this critical Officer safety issue and to the Officers Association for been a strong voice over the years.

A busy summer once again with the Fisheries Enforcement Program, nets and equipment were again seized and the courts continued to hand out heavy fines and forfeitures. It is a slow process but the message of zero tolerance seems to be getting through. We experienced a setback in vehicle replacements. For a while we were having vehicles replaced with 4x4 extended cabs but the last replacements were 2x4, which are totally inadequate for compliance work. This current situation is being addressed by the Association and the Department and we hope by the next vehicle order it will have been rectified.

Colin is a shy man so I will let the Membership know that Colin was NL's Conservation Officer of the Year and also won the Shakir Safari Award. "Well done, sir!" from all of your fellow Officers and the rest of the NAWEOA membership.

Dougald from Nova Scotia sends greeting to all and goes on to say that in his last report he mentioned that the Province was trying to come to grips with the Off Highway Vehicle issues. A voluntary planning Task force on Off-highway Vehicles had submitted their report to Government. Representatives from the various government departments formed a committee, coordinated by the DNR, to review the task force's recommendations and offer a provincial response. This resulted in an action plan put in place in October past. This is a 39 point plan designed to address the issues surrounding off-highway vehicles. First on the list was Enforcement. It was recognized as being number one by the Task Force and was put into the plan as top priority. Twelve new Officers positions were created, with the hiring to be completed for the first six by October 2005. The remaining positions are now filled as well. These Officers are mandated to off-highway vehicles and their use, exclusively.

They will be out there enforcing applicable current and new legislation designed for establishing a safe and hopefully harmonious environment for off-highway vehicle users, land owners and the public in general. Besides practicing their ticket writing skills, they will be taking a very active role in overseeing off-highway vehicle training programs, trail development plans, liaising with other enforcement agencies and user groups, and promoting the program through public education.

This is an ambitious program, especially when one considers the investment associated with outfitting each Officer with trucks, ATVs, snowmobiles, trail bikes, office space and computers. Enforcement is the key to a successful program and the province has shown a serious commitment to achieving their goal.

On another note, the Enforcement Officer Training Committee has been working to develop new training standards and lesson plans for the DNR Officers. This is not so much a reinvention of the wheel as formatting and adapting current thinking and making it ready for the classroom. A number of modules have been signed off and are in use. CEOANS held a successful conference in February, hosted by our western Officers. A good choice of speakers, some touring of local fare, discussion on enforcement issues, sharing time with fellow officers and some real good food made it a weekend to remember, besides Casey was there. All the best.

Bob Yorke from New Brunswick states the report is out on the Code of Practice. The original report suggested that the enforcement staff had a chance to comment the number was suggested to rise to 120, the Department has taken it back to look at it again. They are not sure it will be a cost reduction or not. The Department will be suiting the new number of officers with new body armour and possibly new sidearms. On a not so positive light, officers are attending information meetings for a strike vote as I write this. The vote will be final on February 8. We in New Brunswick have not had a contract for over two years. If what

I'm hearing is correct the vote should be 90%. Lets hope that the vote goes the way that we don't have to walk.

On a proud note Richard Kingston was recognized as New Brunswick's Shikar-Safari Wildlife Officer of the year for 2005, very well deserved.

PEI's Roland Richards reports that Gerald Macdougall, former Chief Conservation Officer is now Manager of Fish and Wildlife, John Clements is Chief as of February 22<sup>nd</sup>. John has been a Conservation Officer for the past 18yrs. Gerard (Buddy) MacIntyre has retired after 30 years as a CO, his position has now been filled.

There is interest in introducing Wild Turkeys in the Province, however there has to be a study done to see what impact this will have.. And finally on a sad note DFO. Officer Eric Bernard passed away in January at the age of 49, Eric was well known across the Island and neighbouring provinces. He was an Officer in Summerside for 25 years. Our sympathies goes out to his wife Barbara and family.

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## Region 4 Report by Lorraine Doyle

**Arizona - Rob Young** reports that Arizona's Wildlife Managers have been provided with some good news regarding the issue of low pay. The Department has recently completed a Classification Maintenance Review with the result being a much needed raise in pay along with the opportunity to go up a pay grade. Salary increases will be based primarily on years of service with the average being in the range of \$6,000 annually. Also as a result of this CMR Wildlife Managers may be promoted to a new "WM III" position based on completion of Leadership Training.

Currently there is a bill going through the Legislature that will increase both civil penalties and years of revocation that wildlife violators will be given. As it stands now poachers are civilly assessed damages for wildlife they illegally take based on the current Consumer Price Index for that animal, and the maximum revocation period is 5 years. The new legislation proposes trophy animal penalties, which will increase these assessments dramatically, including up to lifetime license revocations for the poachers who deserve it. That's some good news right there!!

Retiring Officers this year: Rob Young with 30 years as a wildlife officer and Jim deVos with 32 years as a wildlife officer. Both will be leaving service June 30.

**California - Lorraine Doyle** reports that much remains the same with the California Department of Fish and Game. We are at the lowest staffing levels for field wardens since about 1950. At about 192 field wardens and California's population at about 37 million people that is about one warden for every 180,500 people. The Wardens Association has been working to bring to light what we do, why we do it and how poorly paid we are for doing it! We are some of the best educated and worst paid officers in the state. In August one of our wardens, Kyle Kroll, was shot during a raid on a marijuana garden. He is back to work. Often people don't realize that habitat destruction, wildlife poaching and pollution are a part of marijuana cultivation on our public lands so wardens take an extra interest in eradicating these gardens.

Over 30 wardens, lieutenants, captains and chiefs retired this last year. The Department is working on hiring officers who have two years of law enforcement experience and are on the hiring list. This was last done about 20 years ago. These new wardens would go through a short version of an academy to learn the specialized enforcement we do. It should save the department some money and get some experienced officers in the field. We are also hiring new wardens to go through an academy in conjunction with State Parks and Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. The latest vehicle for wardens is the Ford F150, with the suicide doors. Unfortunately this new truck comes with street tires and without the off-road package. Our radio dispatch is now contracted with our State Parks agency. Some Fish and Game dispatchers transferred to State Parks so we get some good dispatching, however old radio equipment still plagues us.

**Nevada - Steve Tomac** advises Nevada has been busy with winter time activities such as big game hunts, trapping and mountain lion hunts. We have had a great water year and expect to have good wildlife numbers next fall. In the Southern Region Wardens are gearing up for the busy boating season, which will start around the Easter Holiday. In the Eastern Region, lakes are still frozen with quite a bit of ice fishing activity. Several good cases were made this past hunting season on big game violations. False residency cases are still common.

We are considering changing pistols to the Glock series. Wardens would have a choice of calibers and models. The pistols and complete gear would be provided by the Agency.

Fur prices have skyrocketed and some Nevada bobcats have fetched as high as \$800 for a single pelt! This high value increases the incentive for some to violate and several illegal trapping cases have been made this winter. We hope to send at least one Warden to the summer conference. Take care and be safe

**New Mexico - Leon Redman** reports that two Catron County women were recently charged with more than 60 felonies combined in connection with a hunting operation that allegedly involved racketeering, forged licenses, fraud, outfitting without a license and other illegal activities. Rita N. Floyd, 53, and Celeste D. Core, 54, both of Pleasanton, N.M., are named in criminal complaints filed February 16, 2006 in the Seventh Judicial District Court in Reserve. Floyd was arrested and jailed in Sonora, California, where she currently is on probation for a previous felony conviction. Core was arrested in Pleasanton on a no-bond warrant and booked into the Catron County Jail in Reserve. The two women also are charged with a combined 134 misdemeanors in connection with their roles as owners and operators of Get Gold Adventures and Outfitters, which advertised and sold hunts in New Mexico and Arizona. The criminal complaints allege that they forged licenses and sold hunts for deer, elk, bear, mountain lions, bob-

cats and turkeys to numerous out-of-state hunters on eBay, over the telephone and by e-mail. The fraud charges include allegations that after receiving money for the hunts, Floyd and Core did not provide a hunt at all, did not provide the services advertised, or did not provide the type of hunt that was promised. The Catron County Sheriff's Office, District Attorney's Office, New Mexico State Police, Arizona Game and Fish, California Fish and Game, Tuolumne County Probation, Sonora Police Department and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service assisted the Department of Game and Fish in the case. The investigation by the Department of Game and Fish began in October 2004 when 2 Minnesota hunters noticed something wrong with their licenses and called a conservation officer.

On January 25, 2006 Adrian Romero, 33 and his wife Henrietta Romero, 32 of Marquez, N.M., a husband-and-wife outfitting team were indicted by a Cibola County Grand Jury on 66 charges in connection with illegal hunting activities in New Mexico. Mr. Romero is charged with 52 crimes, ranging from forgery, fraud, to attempted tax evasion. His wife is charged with 14 counts of fraud, forgery and racketeering conspiracy. All related to allegations they forged 24 elk hunting licenses, conducted illegal trophy hunts and took money for hunts that never took place under their company, Non Typical Outfitters.

**Washington - Jeff Lee** reports that on the last weekend of 2005 general elk season, Sergeant Mike Charron received information from a confidential informant regarding a couple from the Springdale area north of Spokane and that they had killed several deer. After doing an interview with them Charron found out that at least 15 deer had been shot since early October. After acquiring information and maintaining contact with the CI, an operational plan was formulated

One year earlier Sgt. Charron had requested funds from Safari International Club in Spokane to purchase trail timer cameras. Through trials he replaced trail cameras and devised a surveillance camera system that uses a very small bullet camera, small motion detection device and battery to conduct surveillance work. All for under \$1200.00.

This poaching case was the first successful use of the new surveillance camera. In addition, officers monitored road systems in areas where they believed the poachers were hunting. Captain Mike Whorton, Officers Pam Taylor, Steve Crown, Don Weatherman, and Paul Mossman assisted in over 120 hours in the field monitoring for suspects. The officers requested the use of a high tech night vision scope from the US Border Patrol. This came in very handy when the suspects came back to the residence in total darkness. They were able to see two deer being taken from a vehicle and put in barn. A total of 4 suspects were involved with the poaching: a designated driver, a designated shooter, a designated skinner/gutted animals and a designated cut/wrapper. The 4 suspects took 2 freshly


killed white tail bucks from the vehicle. Upon contact the officers located the two bucks and parts of eight other deer. Seven suspects were charged and over 100 potential charges sent to the prosecutor's office for filing. This area is notorious for illegal activity and this case is taking a bite out of illegal poaching in the Springdale Area. The Washington officers continue to monitor Claude Dallas in his new home. An article will be submitted to International Game Warden about this.

**Wyoming - Joe Gilbert** says that retirements continue to create job opportunities for young officers with the Wyoming Game and Fish Department. Since the last newsletter, 5 officers with 171 years of combined experience have left to pursue other interests. Often described as a game warden's game warden, Powell Warden Mac Black retired after 35 years. South Gillette Warden John Schneidmiller retired after providing northeast Wyoming sportsmen with 38 years of dedicated service. After 37 years, Sheridan Regional Wildlife Supervisor Gary Shorma retired on June 30. Shorma served 27 years as a supervisor, an agency record and supervised over 80 employees during his tenure. Buffalo Warden and former NAWEOA President Rick Pallister retired January 3rd after serving 28 years. Jackson Wildlife Investigator Fred Herbel retired after a 33-year career. Fred is known for his attention to detail and innovative investigative techniques.

With retirements come promotional opportunities. East Casper Warden Mike Choma was chosen as the statewide Law Enforcement Coordinator replacing Russ Pollard. Torrington Game Warden Joe Gilbert was promoted to Sheridan Regional Wildlife Supervisor. Wyoming would like to say a special thank you to South Pinedale Warden Brian Nesvik. From February 2004 until April 2005, Brian traded his green pickup for a Wyoming Army National Guard Humvee while he served as a Major with the 300th Field Artillery Regiment in Baghdad, Iraq. Nesvik's battalion, known as the "Powder River Cowboys", provided security for Iraqi government officials. Thanks for your service to our country Brian. Powder River Let'er Buck!

**Montana- Jim Conner** -The Montana Game Wardens Association had a bi-annual meeting January 18 and 19. We discussed many things including a print by the famous Montana artist Larry Zable. He has donated the original print to us for a fundraiser. It is a wonderful gesture and a beautiful picture. One of his original prints of an elk went for \$25,000 at the RMEF in Nevada. Thanks, Larry. We have hired a new Recreation warden, Matt Heaton, to work high-density boating/state parks in the Kalispell area. Two more recreation wardens are to be hired in Kalispell and Missoula areas. We are up and running with a trainee warden position at one of the colleges. These are students usually in their 3rd or 4th year of school. They will not have firearms, but will work with wardens and warden sergeants. If they do well they will

have a job when they graduate. This was a very successful program in the late 70's and the 80's that bought a number of quality folks into our ranks. We get a license fee increase this year that will dent some of the effects due to much needed wage increases and fuel costs. This was our first across the board increase since 1992. Our first bison hunt since 1989 was a quiet success compared to the media frenzy of the 80's. All but one of the animals harvested was a bull and there were no substantial problems. More tags are planned for next year.



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## Region 5 Report by Levi Krause

**Arkansas** – Gary Wallace reports that Sgt Ben Sisk of Franklin County was chosen as the SSBLAA representative to the National Conference. Eighteen cadet officers graduate March 10 from their twenty-week training class to become Arkansas Wildlife Officers.

**Illinois** – Jeff Baile – reports that an Adams county man was arrested for killing deer out of season and shining. He told officers he needed the meat to feed his family. Officers were skeptical though after finding three butchered cows hanging along side the poached deer.

A Will county man received three citations for the sale of endangered Radiated Tortoises to a New York resident for \$15,000. The Illinois resident was charged with failure to have a state permit, transporting without a permit, and disposal without a permit.

An arson occurred at Illinois Beach State Park which burned the grounds for nine hours and scorched 237 acres. The person responsible for setting the fire was camping at the park and stated he set the fire because he was bored. This person is no longer camping at Illinois Beach and now reports being bored at the Lake County Jail.

A District Sergeant and a CPO arrested four Pennsylvania residents after a Pike County albino deer was shot with a rifle. The buck which lived on the outskirts of Pittsfield was very well known in the area. The case is generating media attention with news media on the scene before officers could even remove the dead deer from the field that night.

**Indiana** – Jay Baker says 2005 was a busy year for Indiana. Several Indiana Conservation Officers were called upon to assist in the Hurricane Katrina relief effort on the Mississippi Coast. A total of 78 Officers were rotated for two week shifts between Sept.03 and Oct.13. Indiana Officers worked with Officers from the Mississippi Marine Patrol, Mississippi Conservation Officers, the U.S. Coast Guard, and several local agencies.

Officers Stamps and Wood have completed a 1-½ year investigation involving the poaching of multiple deer. Three teenagers

were involved in night time road hunting by shining deer from a vehicle, shooting them with a .22 rifle and then leaving them lay. Following discussions with the Prosecutor's Office, approximately 117 total charges will be filled on the three suspects.

Indiana is in the process of hiring approximately 22 – 25 new Officers to fill existing vacancies. The training academy is expected to begin on July 10 and new recruits should be able to get some field experience next fall.

**Kansas** – Greg Salisbury reports that Kansas Natural Resource Officers are working hard protecting wildlife. Deer season started early with a farmer getting stabbed by a deer poacher on the opening weekend of Pheasant season. Stubborn NRO's were able to get key evidence to assist with this case. The NAWEOA web page has the newspaper article on this ordeal. Hopefully this case will be settled and this "deer hunter" put behind bars for many years to come.

The Kansas Wildlife Officers Association is going strong and has a semi-annual magazine. With the magazine revenue the association is able to start a scholarship fund, donate to the Mississippi and Louisiana relief fund, and sponsor two officers to the NAWEOA Conference.

Kansas Officers also have a bargaining unit as part of Fraternal Order of Police. Both organizations are starting out strong and will continue to support the field officers and what they represent.

Kansas boating enforcement program, K-9 program, and the officer training program are going very well. Statewide in-service is scheduled for March and boating enforcement in-service is scheduled for April. Both events are high quality and greatly benefit the officers of Kansas.

Send us some rain - we are experiencing a drought with many grass fires!!! Be safe and keep your powder dry.

**Nebraska** – Jeff Jones says Nebraska Game and Parks Commission have added three new conservation officers, Corey Krause, Daniel Kling, and Mike Thome. All three are currently in the Field Training process with the Law Enforcement Division. As it stands now; CO Krause will be assigned to the West Point area duty station, CO Thome will be assigned to the North Platte area duty station and CO Kling to the Crawford area duty station. All three come to the division from other Nebraska law enforcement agencies. We know that they will be great conservation officers.

In recent retirement news, we regret to see CO Ray Stills retire. CO Stills was assigned the Bridgeport area duty station. Also we regret to see Staff Supervisor Dana Miller resign. Dana was division's training coordinator. We all wish Ray and Dana good luck in their future endeavors.

Ted Blume, administrator of the Commissions law enforcement division, has been elected to serve as president of the Association of Midwest Fish and Game Conservation Law

Enforcement Officers in 2006. The group's 2006 conference will be hosted by Nebraska and Iowa and will take place in Omaha.

**North Dakota** - Internationally known dog trainer Ferris "Bo" Taylor, 34 of Pavo, Ga., was ordered to pay \$8,775 in restitution, \$325 court fees, had his hunting, fishing, trapping and dog training privileges suspended for 12 years (including the wildlife violators compact states) and received 60 days in jail suspended for two years.

On Oct. 16, North Dakota Game and Fish Department warden Ken Skuza and warden supervisor Daryl Kleyer conducted a license check on a duck hunter in the Douglas area. The hunter, who did not have a license in his possession, claimed to be hunting with a guide and led the wardens to a nearby farmstead owned by Taylor.

After securing a search warrant, the wardens opened several freezers. They discovered 351 whole ducks and three hen pheasants. Further investigation led Taylor to be charged with over limit possession of waterfowl, laundering ducks for clients, illegal possession of hen pheasants, misrepresentation on a license application for falsely claiming to be a North Dakota resident and guiding and outfitting without a license.

Taylor can have dogs in North Dakota from May to July 2006, while traveling to and from Canadian dog training events, but at no other time. In addition, Taylor shall not allow any hunters, guests or associates to use any equipment or property he owns or leases for a period of two years for guiding, outfitting or dog training.

**Oklahoma** – Carlos Gomez reports that since our last report, the Colonel in our LE division (top rank over the state), John Streich, and Lt. Colonel (#2-man in LE for our state) have retired. They were replaced by Larry Manering (NE region supervisor) and Jim Edwards (field officer from south central area of state) respectively. Then a 'flurry' of recent agency decisions affecting wardens' confidence and trust led some Oklahoma lawmakers to initiate legislation encouraging our wildlife department to enact several sweeping changes in policy that would extend some level of appeal for an employee who received discipline (perceived to be unjust) that presently does not exist.

In the past year, we've lost central region Captain Randall Reigh (former OK j-rep to NAWEOA) and recently-promoted north-east region Captain Doug Frazier to cancer. And now we're losing one of our best leaders of all time! After 40 illustrious years of service, we bid a bittersweet happy retirement to Lt. Gary Smeltzer. Gary has been pretty active in both NAWEOA and our state association but somehow managed to keep the respect of field people and administration alike (I'll have to pick his brain on that one!) As the 2005 Officer of the Year, he was afforded an officer exchange trip with the west region and stayed a week with wardens from Washington. Washington's O-of-the-Y in turn stayed here for a week and our association got his hunt and

week and our association got his hunt and fish licenses and other miscellaneous expenses.

We had our first shooting ever (where a bad guy was killed instead of our guy). Thirty year veteran, Lt. Gene Pester (near OKC area) got into a pursuit of a man who eventually was bumped off the road by the Highway Patrol. When Gene approached the suspect's vehicle, he was nearly run down before shots ended the situation.

Finally, we're excited to report that since our state association magazine has been such an enormous success, it is now being followed up with an "associate member/booster" program that is projected to generate an additional \$100 K / year to our association's goals.

**South Dakota** – Dave Bartling reports South Dakota's Legislature is in session as this article is being written. The past two years, Game, Fish and Parks has been on the defensive fighting off bills such as restricting Conservation Officers entry onto open fields, among others. This year is different thankfully. There has been very little "controversy" regarding our department in the Legislature this year.

South Dakota's Game, Fish and Parks and Conservation Officer's in particular, have worked hard the past year trying to spend more time with landowners and legislators listening to their concerns. These efforts have evidently paid off in this year's Legislature. There is much more work to be done in the future but the Game, Fish and Parks seems to be moving in the right direction.

In 2005, South Dakota held it's first ever Mt. Lion hunting season. No dogs were allowed and hunters could utilize electronic calls. The limited quota of lions was reached and there probably will be another Mt Lion season in South Dakota in 2006?

**Texas** – Scott Haney says a big hello to everyone from Texas. We are definitely glad the hurricanes ended and that this coming season will be a little less active.

Texas is in the process of scheduling and hiring an academy. The closing date for submitting applications is April 14, 2006. In our recruiting efforts we seek the best applicants and make every attempt to reflect the face of Texas. We have also put in place a steering committee to provide field input to the academy program on an on going basis. We throw out the widest net possible and then through relevant questions to conservation law enforcement make a final selection of the cream of the crop. We also include background, Physical Agility Test and a med/psych must be passed as well before the academy begins.

Hope everyone is making plans for Quebec and looking forward to seeing everyone. I expect it to be one of the best.

**Wisconsin** – Mike Bartz reports that a two and a half year investigation (Operation Urban Market) resulted in criminal charges against five Milwaukee residents for poaching and the illegal sale of blue gills, crappies, bass and other panfish and game fish from Wisconsin lakes. The wardens seized in excess of

2,000 fish during the course of the investigation

A two and a half year investigation put a stop to the widespread deer and turkey poaching that occurred in Richland, Vernon, Sauk, Juneau and Taylor Counties. Wardens issued 106 citations which carry a total of \$36,416 in fines. The citations were for shooting deer at night with the aid of a spotlight, hunting deer during the closed season, hunting turkeys without a valid permit, hunting turkeys with a rifle, road hunting, discharging a firearm from a vehicle, and loaded and uncased guns in a vehicle.

In May 2005, wardens and investigators from the Department of Natural Resources and special agents from the US Fish and Wildlife Service conducted a nationwide take-down of a two year investigation into one of the largest poaching cases in Wisconsin history. Blue River Outfitters sold guided deer and turkey hunts in Iowa and Richland Counties to individuals from numerous other states. The clients and owners of Blue River Outfitters violated many state and federal laws including hunting deer and turkey without licenses, hunting deer and turkey during the closed season, shining and shooting deer at night, baiting, illegal transportation of firearms and bows, and failing to tag and register deer and turkeys. The investigation resulted in state and federal charges against 48 individuals from eleven states.

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## Region 6 Report by Bill Brace

**Kentucky - Richard Waite II** reports that 2005 has been a busy year for the Law Enforcement Division of the KY Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources. We have had several promotions of Capt.'s, Lt.'s and Sgt.'s early in the year, graduated 17 recruits from the Conservation Officers Academy, and recently hired 16 Officers who entered the Academy at the beginning of 2006.

The K-9 Program added four new teams, replaced one K-9, and trained 2 teams for the state of Tennessee last year. Our total for Kentucky is now 12 teams. Our graduation was in March. Everybody is doing a good job, according to K-9 Program Commander Lt. "Doc" Hodges.

The Training Division completed a 2 phase Conservation Officer specific in-service consisting of Water Survival and Emergency Vessel Operator training. New In-service Training for Kentucky Fish & Wildlife officers. In February 1987, the Oklahoma Lake Patrol instituted an experimental pilot program for in-service training entitled "Emergency Vessel Operation Course I" (EVOC). The basic manoeuvres used in the training proved to be a formidable test of operator performance and vessel handling skill instrumental to the safety of the marine law enforcement officer and the boating public.

In 1994, the U.S. Department of Treasury adopted and updated the former EVOC program and now teaches students of various federal, state, and local agencies from around the world vessel operations at its Glynnco, Georgia campus. In 2001, the Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) Law Enforcement division sent officers to the EVOC instructor's class. In 2004, based on the course content and the recommendations of these officers, the division adopted the EVOC program for their cadet training program. In 2005, seeing a need for more job specific in-service training for officers, the KDFWR law enforcement division and the Kentucky Department of Criminal Justice Training / Kentucky Law Enforcement Council approved the EVOC program as an in-service training program for all state and local marine law enforcement agencies in Kentucky.

2005 also saw KY Conservation Officers lending their assistance to other states also. In response to Hurricane Katrina, 23 Law Enforcement Officers assisted with the rescue efforts in Louisiana, and were directly responsible for the rescue of over 200 residents of the city of New Orleans. Our Officers also assisted the Colorado Division of Wildlife and the US Fish & Wildlife Service in the apprehension of Steven Herrmann, while he was living in a camp on the bank of a creek in KY, and returned him to Colorado to face charges.

**West Virginia - Kaven Ransom** - This fiscal year the Law Enforcement Section has been able to maintain staffing at a level of 124 conservation officers and 12 support personnel. Three conservation officers retired and seven new officers were employed during fiscal year 2005.

Along with regular enforcement activities, the Section continues to engage in Homeland Security patrols at the request of the US Coast Guard. Conservation officers were called upon to assist with security for the President and presidential candidates during their visits to West Virginia. This year conservation officers again assisted with patrols during flooding along the Ohio River.

The antiquated radio system used by conservation officers for many years has been replaced with a two million dollar high-band system, and communications statewide have improved tremendously. The Section purchased six notebook computers for use by the officers in each district who are assigned to manage the radio systems in their area.

Patrol boats designed for year-round patrols were purchased with Homeland Security grant funds and should arrive during August 2005.

The mandatory Hunter Education Program in West Virginia continues to be a success. The 291 volunteer instructors remain the backbone of the Hunter Education Program; Eighty-two conservation officers participated in classes.

Continuing with the alternative audience philosophy, the Section conducted several special hunts for disabled hunters. The hunt at Snowshoe during December 2004 was again filmed by a professional film crew and will be used for tourism and training shows. There were nine participants with a 100 percent success rate.

During fiscal year 2005, West Virginia experienced 21 Class A hunting incidents, resulting in one fatality. There were five Class B hunting incidents, resulting in one fatality caused by a fall from a tree stand.

The Division of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Section is charged with the administration of the Commercial Whitewater Rafting Program in West Virginia. Conservation officers patrol rivers in West Virginia to ensure compliance with state law and regulations. The Section completed Swift Water Rescue Training for conservation officers in all six districts. Additional classes will be held to train new hires and provide further training

to all officers.

**Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's Hampton Yates** reports that Division of Law Enforcement began 2006 with a strain on the budget allocated to the six regions resulting from the high costs of fuel. The amounts allocated are based on fuel expenses from three years ago. Cutbacks and mileage restrictions are in effect in efforts to keep out of the red for equipment operation's budget. On the other hand, Colonel Julie Jones approved the continued membership as a jurisdiction in NAWEOA. This includes officers, investigators, lieutenants and captains. Hopefully, more interest will develop from within FWC's ranks to investigate NAWEOA's potential and its conferences.

A planned academy of approximately 50 new hires will occur this year. Since our merger and resulting new agency almost seven years ago, our academy has hired approximately 50 people annually with approximately 40 officers completing the academy training of just over six months and the following FTO program. As far as the ranks, Tallahassee headquarters is undergoing a wide, expanding reorganization in the upper ranks in efforts by Colonel Jones to streamline the division for a "better running gear and tight ship." The officers of the year (2005) for each region were decided among their peers and the officer of the year for the state will be announced soon from this group.

FWC officers assigned boats as their primary focus of patrol must now have to document 50% of their time on the water in boating patrol. Other officers with boats assigned not as their primary means of transportation must show a 25% water patrol in boats. The remainder of officers not assigned boats, including supervisors and investigators, must show 10% of their time water patrol. FWC has added a new 38 foot catamaran boat, The Guardian, to its saltwater fleet. These few larger ships are usually sent on missions normally for 3 days or more out of their port, manned by a lieutenant "captain" and crew of approximately three officers.

New vehicles coming to officers are Chevy ½ ton 4x4 extended cab trucks and Ford ¾ ton extended cab trucks, the latter for officers towing the larger boats assigned to them. A selected group of officers in the state are testing portable laptop computers in their vehicles to ascertain their ruggedness and durability to our standards and wireless capability. A selected group also tested the Dell Axiom handheld portable computer "personal assistant" with negative approval to forward the program further for all officers. The units were too small was one reason listed.

The hunting season is winding down now at the time of this writing in the Northwest Region. Statewide this year marked the first year for enforcement of the "hunter responsibility rule" for deer dog hunting restrictions. The law went into effect the previous year for the NW Region and statewide this year. Restrictions passed involve the deer dog

hunter to have the lands permitted by FWC to allow this sport. Applications must have the land owners identified and require their signature of approval for this sport. Dogs must be collared with the owner/hunter and permit number on the collar. The hunter must possess a copy of the permit. If dogs "trespass" off of the permitted site or either run on unpermitted lands, then the violation along with all other stipulations is a misdemeanor of the second degree per FWC rule. Overall, the new rule is curtailing deer dog trespass complaints in the state. A very noticeable lack of "visible" hunting has been documented in my area of supervision, at least, in the NW Region due to the new rule. Here we have picked up a few more checks on the still hunter, replica deer shooting, and trespass by foot and littering of deer carcasses on private and public lands/creeks.

**Jock Smith from Mississippi** reports Mississippi is trying to recover from one of the world's worst natural disasters, Hurricane Katrina. The process is slow to say the least, but there is progress being made. Our personal thanks go out to all conservation officers and departments who supported Mississippi during this disaster. All that I hear is how well trained and the professional the conservation officers were. A job well done!

Our main hunting season is coming to a close. With cutbacks on fuel and money being short we have done a good job this fall. The Mississippi legislature is now in session and for the first time in years conservation officers are hopeful of a much needed realignment. The Mississippi Wildlife Enforcement Officers Association has employed a well known lobbyist to assist in making this a reality.

Mississippi Wildlife Fisheries & Parks has requested the legislature to introduce such bills. There are several bills getting attention by the legislature dealing with wildlife including: officers injured in the line of duty days off due to injuries not count against sick or annual leave; hunting with the aid of bait; separate Wildlife & Fisheries from Parks; correct language to ensure promotion and funding of career ladder system or rank system; and several bills dealing with retirement increase benefits. Mississippi Wildlife Enforcement Officers Association Inc. is very active with this legislative session. We are hoping for a good session for conservation officers, it is long overdue!

MWEOAI is planning to send several representatives to NAWEOA this year, hope to see you there.

## **NAWEOA 2007 – MINNESOTA - JULY 16-21**

**Minnesota is very excited to host the 2007 NAWEOA Conference during the Minnesota Conservation Officers' 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration!**

We have arranged for NAWEOA to meet at the St. Paul Radisson Riverfront, only 15 minutes from the Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport. The Radisson Riverfront, located along the banks of the Mississippi River, will serve as our central training facility. Our exciting agenda will provide a variety of unique, innovative, and powerful professional development opportunities for the wildlife enforcement officer. Each program is a powerful learning opportunity, with proven results you can put into action.

Nestled in the heart of St. Paul, Radisson Riverfront also provides a great starting point for families who want to enjoy the many fun, food, and entertainment opportunities offered by the Minneapolis/St. Paul metropolitan area.

You'll find the "Twin Cities" a wonderfully stimulating community.

If you're involved in wildlife enforcement, whether you have an extensive background or limited experience, you'll find the 2007 NAWEOA Conference a rich variety of professional development and enrichment experiences, and inspirational. Your family will leave Minnesota saying "Wow, what a vacation!"

Minnesota, the land of 10,000 lakes, welcomes the conference back to the United States, and thanks Canada for being such great hosts the past five years!



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## Region 7 Report by Rich Cramer

My first few months as your Region 7 Director have been quite enjoyable and educational. Your NAWEOA executive is quite hard at work. Not many days have gone by without one or more e-mails and other communications awaiting a response. One glaring omission has been the almost complete lack of requests for retirement certificates. One of my responsibilities as your Region 7 Director is to provide retirement certificates (upon request) to those officers within the region who are retiring. If there is a need for a certificate just let your J-Rep know so they can contact me. Elsewhere in this issue is a listing of officers from all across North America who have been recognized for their achievements in the field of Wildlife Law Enforcement. NAWEOA also wishes to recognize officers for their various accomplishments. Categories and criteria for the various awards NAWEOA sponsors may be reviewed on the web site at [www.naweo.org](http://www.naweo.org). Please check them out and let me know if you wish to have any of your fellow officers recognized by NAWEOA. See you in Quebec!

**Ryan Healy of Connecticut** reports that three new officers have been hired and are currently finishing up the Field Training Program. Two additional officers should be hired soon. A new 27' safeboat was just received that will be used in the marine district. A 42' Wesmac lobster boat (Lugger diesel engine) should arrive in a couple of weeks thanks to the NMFS JEA contract. It is coming from Maine and is replacing an aging 35' JC with no enclosure or heat. Taser 26 models are among the other new equipment being issued. Many exciting arrests were made over the past year and can be checked out on the Association's website [www.ctenconpolice.org](http://www.ctenconpolice.org) (the blotter).

**Dave Walsh of New Hampshire** reports that the NH Fish and Game Department's LE Division has acquired two new marine vessels. A 38 foot Osmond Beal design, named the Endeavor, and a 27 foot Safeboat patrol vessel. Funding for this vessel was obtained through

the NMFS Joint Enforcement Agreement with NHF&G.

NH's Conservation Officers Relief Association (CORA) and NHF&G have taken on an unusual project! In 2003, a private landowner discovered two dead mature Bull Moose that had engaged in a fight and died with their massive antlers inextricably locked. It was decided to preserve this natural event in the most educational manner possible. Spearheaded by Lt. John Wimsatt, this project is the creation of a life-size, full body, museum-quality taxidermy mount depicting both moose, as they likely appeared, engaged in their final battle. It is our hope to be able to bring this exhibit to the 2006 NAWEOA Conference in Quebec! NHF&G's LE Division has recently hired two CO Trainees. Each trainee will complete one year of training throughout the state, and complete NH's Police Academy before being assigned a permanent patrol. This trainee class brings the number of full time COs in NH to 44.

**George Scribner of Vermont** reports that snow present throughout most of the November rifle and December muzzleloader seasons greatly aided officers in the collection of evidence and led to numerous arrests for various illegal deer related violations. In several of these cases, deputy wardens played intricate roles in the apprehension of subjects. Deputy Wardens in Vermont volunteer untold hours each year to help in the apprehension of poachers with very little in the way of monetary reimbursement. A number of excellent arrests were made over the past year. Many of the case are detailed on the Association's web site at: [www.vtgamewarden.com](http://www.vtgamewarden.com). The warden force will have 4 new trainees entering the Vermont Police Academy at the end of January: Steve Majeski, Morgan Jones, Mark Schichtle, and Richard Watkin. We all wish them the best and welcome them aboard.

**Marion Hoffman of New York** reports that the Division of Law Enforcement (DLE) of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) has been busy purchasing equipment and restructuring the dispatch system used for service to the public. Two 29 foot SAFE boats equipped with full cabins and two 225 hp engines each have been purchased along with twelve center console 18 foot TUFF boats sporting 115 hp engines. Additionally, eight 16 foot aluminum side console V-hulls, equipped with 90 hp engines will soon start arriving. The vessels will be distributed throughout the state. Digital cameras have been purchased for all DLE members and evidence kits are coming for the DLE investigators. The DLE has upgraded its dispatch capabilities by forming a 24/7-dispatch center with the New York State Forest Rangers. All calls from throughout the state are forwarded to the dispatch center during the hours the regional offices are closed. This system will greatly enhance the Division's capability to serve the public and pro-

tect the natural resources of New York State. Officers are working extended hours to cover all the calls coming into the new dispatch center. The center is being very well received by the public.

**Steve Thomson of Ohio** reports that Lake Erie Investigators have completed a two-year project on Lake Erie Commercial fisherman. Several commercial fishermen and Wholesale Fish Companies were involved in various violations including corrupt activity; money laundering, tampering with records, receiving stolen property and selling unreported yellow perch. 14 Felony indictments were handed down as well as many misdemeanor charges on 4 companies and 14 individuals. To date 940 lbs of perch fillets have been seized and over \$200,000 in fines and restitution have been assessed, however several cases are still pending. Wildlife officers and investigators conducted 304 special enforcement projects targeting known wildlife criminals, known problem areas, and state wildlife property protection. Individual contacts totaled 6,899 with 1108 arrest or summons issued. Wildlife officers made 7,295 arrests for wildlife crimes and other criminal violations resulting in \$506,902.50 in fines collected. Wildlife officers investigated 100 pollution incidents statewide where 19,032 wild animals were killed, mostly fish. The Division collected \$23,972 in damages for 14 settlements. Wildlife Officers investigated 51 incidents of personal injury or property damage related to hunting. A Wildlife Officer Cadet training school was held in the spring of '05 to train 17 newly hired Wildlife Officers. Applications will be accepted again in the spring '06 for another class. For more information or an application call (614) 265-6342.

**Tom Grohol of PA Game** reports that the PGC's Board of Game Commissioners selected Carl Roe to serve as the agency's new Executive Director; Roe replaced former Executive Director Vern Ross who retired on December 31, 2005. Roe formerly served as the agencies Bureau of Administrative Services Director. A number of high profile arrests were made over the past year and can be checked out on the website at [www.pgc.state.pa.us](http://www.pgc.state.pa.us) (newsroom). The next class of trainees has been put on hold for at least a year due to budget problems.

**Michelle Wiegand of Michigan** reports that Michigan expects to hire 25 recruits in 2006. Orientation, Background Investigations and the interview process should be starting soon. The recruits are expected to attend an academy in September. Michigan Conservation Officer's Association is back up and running. The board has approved the purchase of a jurisdictional plaque and paving stone. CO's recently were fitted for and received new Second Chance body armor. Approx. 54 CO's went to Louisiana and Mississippi to provide assistance and equipment to those affected by Hurricane Katrina. Several officers are cur-

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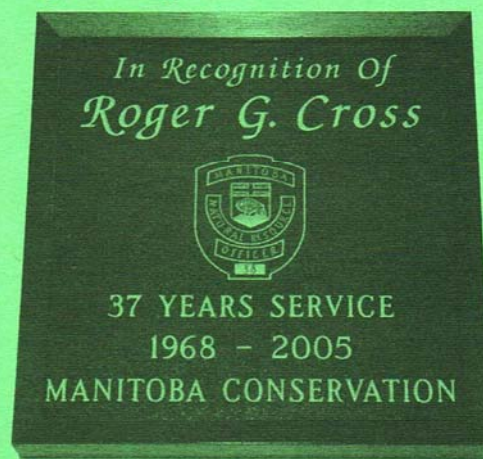
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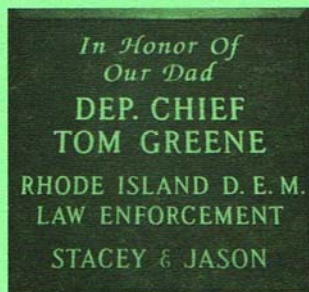
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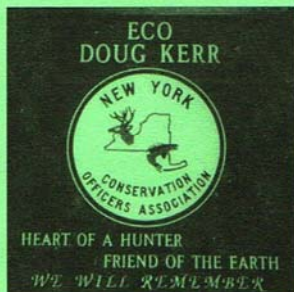
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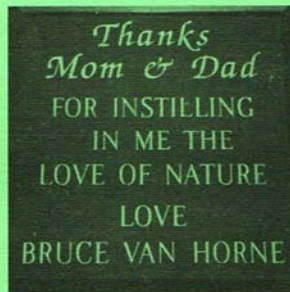
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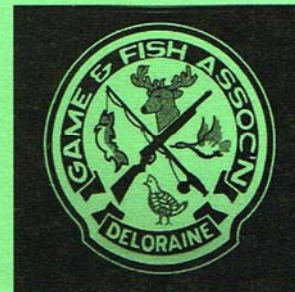
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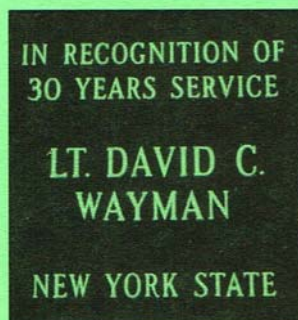
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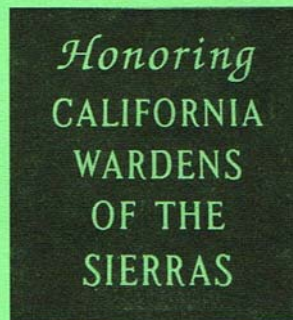
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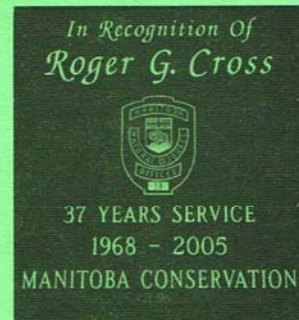
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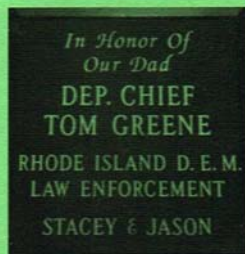
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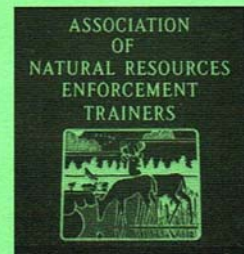
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## Visiting Officer Program

The Game Warden Museum is looking for working or retired Officers to volunteer a weekend (or more if you like) at the Museum.

Visiting Officers would be welcome to bring their own agency display and would be encouraged to promote their agency or their jurisdiction. If you have special items of interest for the public to see then please bring them.

The duties would primarily be to meet and greet the general public to explain the roles of Game Wardens in protecting and managing Natural Resources.

We would expect the visiting public at the International Peace Gardens to have a sense of awe when they are hosted by a uniformed Officer.

Visiting Officers will be provided with a camper trailer which will sleep up to four people. The trailer has running water, bathroom, and cooking facilities.

The surrounding area offers fishing, boating, hiking, and golfing. Park and camping fees can be waived.

If this program interests you please contact Dick Knapp at 701-253-6476 (office), 701-320-0890 (cell), or 701-253-3995 (home).

### **AVAILABLE:**

#### **Fly In Fishing Trip - Neultin Lake in Northern Manitoba**

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rently field-testing new laptop computers to replace the current laptops being used in the field by the officers in their vehicles and homes.

**Mark Oswell** of NOAA/NMFS reports that NOAA's Office for General Counsel for Enforcement and Litigation has issued a series of Notice of Violation Assessments (NOVA) and Notice of Permit Sanctions (NOPS) to the owners and operators of three seafood vessels and a seafood dealer on the east coast totaling \$1,395,000 in civil penalties and 18 years of permit sanctions. The owners/operators of the vessels are alleged to have exceeded a 400 pound scallop possession limit on numerous occasions; maintaining and submitting false vessel reports; failing to submit required vessel or dealer reports; and selling or purchasing illegally landed scallops. The civil penalties and permit sanctions are the result of an extensive investigation by NOAA Fisheries Service's Office for Law Enforcement (OLE). If imposed, the permit sanctions would prohibit the operator from occupying any federally permitted fishing vessel in any capacity while the vessel is at sea or engaged in off-loading. Further, the vessel would be prohibited from fishing in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) for any federally regulated species. The parties have 30-days to request a hearing to contest the charges before an Administrative Law Judge or seek to resolve the matter by agreement with NOAA. On the Web: NOAA Fisheries Service: [www.nmfs.noaa.gov](http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov)

**Chris Dyer** of Maine reports that the fall was extremely wet. Hunters were out as usual, but it seems to be a trend that the hunting pressure is decreasing statewide. A lot of

good cases were made and it seems that hunting deer with bait, which is illegal in Maine, is making up a lot of the violations encountered. This year we focused on migratory game bird violations. The waterfowl pressure has increased dramatically and so have the violations. Waterfowl enforcement was the theme of the fall and everyone did their part and a large number of violations were detected. Going into the spring we will have our Annual Meeting and the Warden of the Year and other awards will be recognized. We are again going through a restructuring of sorts. We have added another Sergeant position in the field, bringing our total to 15. A Captain's position has been created to oversee special teams (K-9, Dive Team, Firearms), oversee internal investigations, landowner relations, whitewater rafting and training and to fill the gap in the chain of command between the Lieutenants and the Major. We are also adding an internal IT position for our new laptop computers and software. Just a reminder; we will be hosting a Warden's field day at the end of the summer. The date and location have not yet been finalized, but as soon as everything is set we will get the word out.

**Erin Czech** of PA Fish & Boat reports that the PAF&BC is planning on starting the 18<sup>th</sup> WCO Training Class in July of 2006. 14 Trainees will begin a 13-month journey culminating in graduation. The graduates will then be placed throughout the state in one of nine current vacant positions. The PAF&BC will also commence a Deputy WCO Class in 2006 for 24 trainees. These DWCOs will work with the current complement of Officers in enforcing Title 30 (the Fish & Boat Code). Three

officers are currently activated and serving in the Middle East. They and their families are in our thoughts and prayers. Pennsylvania is also implementing requirements for fishing guides and charter boats to be permitted.

**Greg Szurlecki** of New Jersey reports that two lieutenants were promoted to provisional captain's positions; they were Brain Herrighty and Tod Eisenhuth. Frank Virgilio was promoted to provisional Administrative Lieutenant. The NJ COs will be getting new Class A uniforms in the near future. The uniform will consist of a blouse jacket with a Sam brown strap and belt. The uniform will resemble the uniform worn in the 1900's until the early 1970's.

**Sheila Paquette** of Rhode Island reports that the main headquarters of the RI Division of LE moved to a different building this past summer. This past January bids were received for demolition and construction of our new marine base and maintenance bay. The newest addition to our marine fleet of vessels includes a 30' Rosborough vessel and a 27' Boston Whaler. Officers have put both vessels to the test for patrols of the State waters. Officers benefited from some great training this past year that included Land Navigation/Orienteering, and ATV rider Certification. Two of our Officers attended the Level 2 Advanced Boat Accident Reconstruction Training in Ashburn VA sponsored through NASBLA. A grant through the NOAA made it possible to purchase thirty Garmin handheld GPS 60C units to be distributed to officers for use in the field. These units were programmed with topographical maps as well as navigational charts.



CO Bruce Ward and USFWS Special Agent/Pilot Dave Rippetto



CO Lynn Merrill with M. et Mme. Bullwinkle de Québec

## 2005 OFFICER EXCHANGE

### On Patrol in The Great Land with Alaska's State Troopers

by Bruce Ward, Ontario Conservation Officer



State trooper Master/Boat Officer John Legasse and Bruce on board Patrol Vessel Cama'i

FANTASTIC! I saw my first grizzly bears in Terror Bay on Kodiak Island! I can't wait to tell you the rest... but the story began last July at the 25<sup>th</sup> NAWEOA conference in Penticton.

If you've never been to these meetings, after opening ceremonies, all of the officers join together in uniform over lunch for presentations. At this time their names go in hat, and one officer from each country is drawn for the privilege of going on a work-along with officers from the province or state of their choice!

Anticipation runs high during the drawing, but with over 500 delegates in attendance I'd never been overly hopeful of hearing my name called. This drawing seemed no different, until the Canadian Officer Brad Romaniuk generously declined the chance to go (he was the Canadian drawn in 2002 and hosted by Texas). The next thing I knew another name was announced, and my wife (also an officer) was excitedly congratulating me on being selected!

It was a difficult decision determining which of the many outstanding jurisdictions to visit and learn from, and I greatly thank my many friends as well as those wardens I met in Penticton for the first time for warmly offering to host my trip in their home states. I have always wanted to see Alaska, and thank NAWEOA, the executive, my supervisor, agency, family and my many Alaskan hosts, the Alaska Bureau of Wildlife Enforcement, Major Howard Starbard and especially AST jurisdictional representative Captain Steve Arlow for making it such a great experience.

I work with Ontario's Ministry of Natural Resources as a Conservation Officer with the Upper Great Lakes Enforcement Unit. My office is in the Southern Georgian Bay Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police in Midland with whom I patrol the waters of Lake Huron's Georgian Bay. My patrol includes commercial and recreational fisheries, waterfowl, deer, bear hunts and public lands and public safety focus as the area is among the busiest recreational boating waterway in Ontario.

I was interested in the AST's marine enforcement program, and had always hoped to experience aerial enforcement in a Supercub. Captain Arlow advised that the Troopers had a new 90-foot patrol vessel the Enforcer based out of Ketchikan on the Inside Passage. Trials at work pressed my travel window into either October, or next spring. Knowing the uncertainties of work commitments in our job I opted to go while my schedule was clear and factor in some additional time for inclement weather.

I departed Toronto October 18<sup>th</sup> through Minneapolis to Anchorage. Having visited much of North America in 46 years, I was still unprepared for the eye-popping mountain scenery that appeared as we dropped below the clouds on our approach over Cook Inlet. There were huge, rugged, snow-draped peaks stretching as far as the eye could see! I was filled with wonder like a kid on Christmas morning! My first memory of the terminal is the World Record Kodiak Brown Bear reared on its hind legs towering far above everyone's heads. Trooper (Trp) Dell Arnston welcomed me and we crossed town in his marked patrol truck past the Alaska State Troopers Tudor Road headquarters. Dell's friendliness, passion for his job, relating of familiar workplace challenges and the similarities of job related equipment filling the cab immediately bridged the distance from home. It was like I was visiting another seasoned veteran from my own agency.

Trp. Captain Steve Arlow met us and we transferred my gear to his unmarked work sedan, thanked Dell, and headed out of the bustling city on a four lane divided highway. Most leaves were down and plants frosted out, but the afternoon sunshine and Steve's hospitality made the fall day seem warm. Crossing the long causeway along the Knik Arm the mountains rose up and the neighbouring flats with alder and grass made perfect moose winter range, (except for the conflict with heavy commuter traffic, resulting in over 300 collisions each winter).

Arriving at their rural home in Palmer, Steve, his wife Dee, and daughters Brittany and Jenna made me very comfortable. We had a great visit and SERT Trp. Sgt. Mark Agnew (and his wife Penny), and Trp. Burk Waldron (and his wife Janet) came over for a mouth-watering wildlife potluck dinner. After dinner we saw Burk's video of Janet's successful hunt of the monster bull bison we had just sampled, and retired Trp. Captain Jeff Babcock dropped by.

Captain Arlow loaned me some additional personal safety gear he recommended for the skiff work in my upcoming marine patrols, and we headed out dark and early the next morning to tour the Bureau's aircraft hanger at Hall's Lake outside the airport in Anchorage.

My flight to Kodiak for a 4 day crab, brown bear/deer patrol was met by Trp. Jon Streifel. We picked up a roadkilled Sitka blacktailed deer in steady drizzle, attended the Kodiak Post, (meeting SW Regional Trp. Commander Lt. Will Ellis, Trp. Sgt. Lonnie Gonzales, Trp. Charlie Cross, clerk Sherry Cabbage) and then slipped down to the marina, settled my gear aboard the 69' diesel powered, twin hulled catamaran patrol vessel Cama'i and headed out for a vehicular patrol of the area streams for 'silvers' (Coho salmon). We recovered a stolen ATV, donated the deer to the local Salvation Army and checked a couple anglers and archery deer hunters.

That evening I enjoyed a superb steak bbq with Lt. Ellis's family at their home in Kodiak (his wife Debbie, son Sam), and Sgt. Gonzales and his wife Michelle, and got introduced to the subtle distinctions of scotches, and enjoyed the first of many great sleeps on the boat. That night a gale blew in off the Gulf of Alaska, with winds gusting to 75 knots.

In the morning I met the crew of the Cama'i; Boat Officer John Legasse, Trp. Dave Anderson, and Dale (the vessel tech), and after loading the provisions, we refuelled, but determined that the seas were too severe to begin the patrol. That afternoon Trp. Streifel and I patrolled to Narrow Cape in driving rain, where the seas were running 24' and saw buffalo on the Pasagshak Point ICBM range, harbour seals and tangles of ancient moss cloaked alders.

We set out the next morning to check commercial crab pots in Woman Bay, checking for proper identification of the owner, placement in an open area, and the presence of sufficient biodegradable twine (to allow escapement if the trap is lost). This involved lifting gear, which ranged from 3' Dungeness crab pots to 8 foot king crab pots from between 60 to 180' of water. The

pots weighed up to 1500 lb, requiring use of the davit to haul and crane to lift aboard. Once compliance was confirmed the gear was reset using a hydraulic pot launcher. We seized 8 traps in total and then met up with Trp. Steifel at the town pier where the gear was offloaded to a flatbed for transport to the local Fish and Game seizure compound to free up the deck space.

After lunch we headed out through the highest seas I have ever been in, waves running in the high twenty foot range some combing at over 30 feet. I was very glad of John and Dave's skill and knowledge growing up working on the waters of the Gulf of Alaska.

A real marine wilderness, we saw whales, and seal lions, porpoise playing along the bow and rafts of sea otters when we dropped anchor near an abandoned salmon cannery all with a backdrop of rugged uninhabited mountains.

The usual daily routine involved travelling in the Cama'i, and then launching the 19" rigid hull inflatable skiff to go ashore to check camps, small vessels and resource users. A significant part of the job is live radio dispatch to distress calls. The Alaska Bureau of Wildlife Enforcement is a branch of the Division of the Alaska State Troopers which is part of the Department of Public Safety, so the crew is on duty 24 hour a day while at sea. Traffic was unusually light as the brown bear season wouldn't open for a couple days and the weather discouraged anyone setting out early. Winds ran high, and temperatures hovered above freezing with the steady rain accumulating as snow in the higher peaks above the 2400' level, and each day the snow line dropped closer towards the water.

My time in Kodiak wound down all too quick, and on my last day I caught the AST twin engine King Air with pilot Trp. John Chiri back to Anchorage, for an overnight with Arlows.

On October 25<sup>th</sup> I met Trp. Sgt. Tory Oleck at Palmer Post, and then departed with Trp. Sgt. Mark Agnew for a day in the air in his Supercub out of Big Lake Post's Wasilla airport. Mark flew us up the Knik drainage to George Lake at the Knik Glacier looking for hunters, showing me mountain goats and Dall sheep close up from the air on the mountainsides. We landed along the Knik and Yentna rivers and saw "Denali" the native name for Mt. McKinley the highest peak in North America. Mark really knew the job of being a wildlife trooper pilot and was fantastic to work with, and it had to be my favourite part of the exchange trip. What a fantastic job, it was certainly all I had read and imagined it to be!

The Arlows again hosted me overnight, and in the morning we met the SE Region Commander Trp. Lt. Todd Sharp (from Ketchikan) in Anchorage and I rented a van and drove up to Fairbanks through Denali National Park. En route I met with Sgt. Agnew who was directing traffic at a serious vehicle accident scene. In Fairbanks, I met rotary pilot Trp. Dennis Roe, and Trp. Darrell Hildebrand (from Nulato on the Yukon River) at the Peger Road office for a tour. I overnighted at the Comfort Inn and we reconvened the next morning to attempt a flight to recover evidence at a remote moose kill site but there was insufficient visibility, so Dennis showed me around the area and met retired ABWE Trp. Jim Lowe, (now a Beaver pilot with the Civil Air Patrol).

Troopers Hildebrand, Roe and I met USFWS Special Agent/Pilot Dave Rippeto for lunch and then I assisted Dennis in the investigation of a moose wastage case in the Two Rivers wood cutting area. October 28<sup>th</sup> I met S.A. Rippeto at his office, and met the Kanuti National Wildlife Refuge Manager/Pilot Mike Spindler for a Cessna 206 check flight to determine conditions for beginning a winter moose survey. Temperatures were 20 F and each time we tried we were forced back by low clouds at the Yukon river. That evening I had great dinner and stayed over with Dave and his wife Crystal and their 2 sons (Zachary and Maxwell), and headed back to the Arlow's the next day along the Richardson highway.

En route I met Ranger Brad Hornerlaw of the US Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management checking hunters south of Summit Lake, and then returned across the Glenn highway.

For the remainder of my Alaskan experience I flew south boarding the P/V Enforcer in Ketchikan for 9 days of a crab/bear/deer patrol on the inside passage to Juneau with Trps. Herv Ibarra and Patrick McMullin, Boat Officer Lawrence Nagy, Public Safety Technician Wade McClennan, Engineer Ray Streetmatter and Vessel Supervisor David Long.

This gave me a real taste for large vessel marine patrols, with each crew member having responsibilities for sequential hourly watches monitoring and recording observations of the vessels security, and falling asleep to the rocking of the waves and the hum of the engines. Running long distances each day, launching the skiff and working away from the ship, boarding fishing vessels and checking their operations for compliance. We ate like kings, travelled far, and worked long hours, monitoring this crab fishery, laying charges for retaining undersized crabs, fishing without a licence and with too many lines.

We also safely reunited two minors with their parents, and accomplished the arrest and court appearance, (arraignment and bail hearing) for the person for the whom the arrest warrant was issued.

During our connections through Petersburg I met fisheries staff at the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, and Trp. Daniel Shamhart who introduced me to Officer Bryan Bowen of the US Forest Service in Petersburg who patrols the Tongass National Forest. The Enforcer's crew returned me to Petersburg for my flight back to Anchorage November 7<sup>th</sup>, where Captain Arlow's family gave me keepsakes for my family and myself. I am greatly indebted to the many friends I made in the Alaska, and can heartily attest that it is truly, The Great Land.

I patrolled in a Supercub, climbed aboard an iceberg, checked trophy blacktail deer, represented my agency abroad, introduced many officers to NAWEOA, saw and learned new things, realized lifelong dreams, gained valuable experience that will assist me in my job and made excellent lifelong friendships.

Trans-Labrador Highway from Goose Bay to Churchill is 300 km of dirt! Along the way I was introduced to pine martin trapping, again, something that I have not experienced back in NY. A highlight of this trip was my meeting of Lawrence Mugford, an 81 year old trapper who the boys know very well. They got Lawrence to show me his traps and snares. We also stopped off at the patrol cabin at the Cash River for lunch. Once we arrived at Churchill Falls, we took a tour of the plant. This electric plant provides much of the power for the entire Northeast United States. It truly is an amazing place. Security was high.

On the trip back to Goose Bay, the next day, Hollis and Bill filled me in on the different Caribou herds and their battle to enforce the hunting regulations when the migration begins. Day 11 was jam-packed. I was leaving Labrador that afternoon to fly back to St. John's to spend the night before heading back to New York. Bill arranged to have a helicopter pick Hollis and me up and take us up over Muskrat Falls on the Churchill River. While patrolling from the helicopter we got to see a "huge" bull moose. Biggest one I saw while I was there. Once we returned from the helicopter patrol it was a boat patrol up the Churchill River to Lake Melville and Mudd Lake. Bill wanted to show me his new cabin he had built before I left. It is an absolutely beautiful place.

Later that day it was back to St. John's for another overnight stay with Marilyn and the next morning back to New York. This report only hits some of the highlights of my trip. I have many photos and a lot more to tell, but you all will have to wait to for my presentation in at this year's conference. See you there!

## 2005 OFFICER EXCHANGE

### "Bon Voyage"

by Lynn Merrill (Sr. CO, Idaho Department of Fish and Game)



CO Lynn Merrill with Quebec CO's Alain Caron and Andre Guimond

I was sitting near the back and enjoying the luncheon. My mind was contemplating the idea of retirement after returning to Idaho from Penticton. I never win anything, so when my name was read, I had to listen for the repeat. My retirement plans instantly changed and my stress level went through the roof as the people at the table asked, "Where are you going to exchange?"

A colleague who had previously exchanged to Saskatchewan advised me to consider carefully as this was a trip of a lifetime. I pondered the map and Quebec became the obvious choice for me. I live toward the west coast and Quebec is north and east. It is a huge province with topography, wildlife, and culture different from my daily experience. They speak French. I definitely would never have a chance to experience anyplace like this again.

I approached the Quebec table at Penticton and made my request. At first, there seemed to be some confusion as to what I needed. Apparently, no one had ever exchanged to Quebec so this was a new experience for all of us. Claude Veilleux, President, Association des Agents, passed on my request and paved the way. The approvals and final plans were coordinated through Jean-Yves Desbiens, Director, Support to Regional Activities. I was set up to leave Idaho on September 17 and return on October 3, 2005.

I arrived at Quebec City on the 18<sup>th</sup>. As I walked into the terminal, I observed the Red Maple Leaf on the flag and the words "Bienvenue au Canada". My trip had officially begun.

Alain Poisson and his wife, Linda, met me at the airport and invited me into their home where I stayed the next few days. During the following four days, Alain explained the workings of his agency and ferried me to various regional and field office locations including his workstation at Charny. Here, as in the rest of the trip, I met many individuals that make the wildlife management and protection portion of this agency a great place to work. I spent a day with Alain Caron and Andre Guimond in the Montmagny area south of the Fleuve Saint Lawrence (St. Lawrence River). The history of this area is intriguing with tales of Irish immigrants, buried bodies and wars. We checked with commercial sturgeon fishermen and reviewed the general activities including the snow geese migration along this stretch of the River. I visited a maple syrup operation - what a treat! Moose season was almost upon us and I observed my first moose stand and bait. I found these methods to be common throughout the areas I visited in the Province. This is definitely different than what I find in Idaho.

The next day, I visited the offices at Beauceville and Thetford Mines. Francois Brazeau, a former K9 officer, spent the day showing me around. We checked out Lac Aylmer and Lac St Francois. We peered into the monstrous hole that is the Thetford Mine and was once Black Lake. We went to his house and I decided that he had a fabulous place to call home.

The next day, I met Johanne Cyr from Laurier-Station. She was conducting investigations into stream alterations. Aquatic habitats are a provincial priority. Other priorities apparently change with the needs of the area. After documenting the alterations, we checked anglers along the St. Lawrence. Just like anglers everywhere, we found one that could not count. Johanne dealt with it.

On September 22, I met Yvon St. Pierre. We spent the next two days visiting the Reserve Faunique Des Laurentides. The moose season was underway and success was good. Each moose permit requires four licenses per tag but only one animal is supposed to be taken. This area is full of pristine rivers and lakes with thick "bush" and beautiful scenery.

September 24th brought a 5 AM meeting with Mark Mills, Wildlife Officer for Environment Canada. We met Louis Marie Charland at his field office and proceeded into the marshes along the north shore of the St. Lawrence. Waterfowl season was off to a good start and hunters appeared jovial and cooperative. Greater snow geese are the big draw here with approximately one million birds migrating into this area. The daily limit is 20 birds - Wow! The Reserve Nationale de Faune du Tourmente was of great interest. The foundations were laid in 1626. They maintain "traditional hunts" with horse drawn sleighs pulled through the mud to the blinds. Some of the blinds are constructed with lids to prevent tidal mud from filling them up. However, they do fill with water that is emptied with a bucket before use.

We proceeded to Mont-Sainte-Anne and I beheld the grandeur of the St. Lawrence Valley from atop the mountain. We visited the Chateau Mont-Sainte-Anne where the 2006 NAWEOA conference will take place. I became totally engrossed in the prospect of returning. What a great day!

The following two days were spent with Marc Lavigne. Marc is an instructor at the training academy and a great guide. We toured the Academy, participated in class sessions, and visited with attendees and instructors. Lunch with the Academy Director, Yvon-Pierre Gagnon, was a pleasure. Mr. Gagnon was to retire shortly after my visit. We also saw the forensic lab and dispatch center. Their capability with fish scale identification is impressive.

Marc became city tourist guide for a day as we hit old Quebec City. The history, architecture, stories, and people were fascinating. Cruise ships were anchored in the harbor, tourists were all around, and the old buildings and signs were pure delight.

I met with Sylvain Arbour and we traveled easterly along the south side of the St. Lawrence to Rimouski. The next morning we again traveled east with a stop at the Institut Maurice-Lamontagne. This is a world-renowned marine research and mapping center directed by the Canadian government. Sylvain used his clout and we were able to have a guided tour. This place is state of the art with expertise in marine research. I saw creatures here that I thought were only in my nightmares.

We continued east to Matane where I met Luc Forest and his partner Chickadee. Luc is a K9 officer and, obviously, Chickadee is the K9. Luc might be the world's most knowledgeable salmon (saumon) fisherman. We spent time along the Matane River and Reserve where he instructed me concerning the finer points of the resource and K9 duties. At one point, we stopped and I took a picture of some rather rough looking water when we noticed an upturned kayak lodged in the

rocks. We prepared for the worst but the live and walking kayaker eventually showed up and Luc dealt with the situation.

I teamed up again with Sylvain on the evening of the 27<sup>th</sup>, and on the 28<sup>th</sup>, we rendezvoused with Johanne Oullette at Sainte-Anne-des-Monts. We traveled to the Parc National de la Gaspésie and hiked into the high tundra country above the Sainte-Anne River in search of Caribou. We had a splendid day. The weather was comfortable, colors were bright, and the wildlife cooperated. We watched a black bear getting ready for winter and caribou looking for love. Apparently, this population of caribou experienced declining numbers in recent times. Attempts are underway to reverse this trend with predator control targeting bears and coyotes. I was impressed with the depth of knowledge that Johanne and Sylvain have on the subject.

Sylvain and I then traveled west in the Parc to a backcountry camp at Lac Thiebault. On the way we had the privilege of being challenged by a couple of large bull moose jealous of our attention toward their ladies. On the 29<sup>th</sup>, still in the Parc Gaspésie, we traveled up Mt Logan to view the world and look for more caribou. I am sure lightning strikes regularly here and it may be one of the windiest places in North America.

We stayed the night at a chalet in the Matane Reserve. The moose hunt was in full swing and we talked to several satisfied hunters. We were treated nicely to a lobster dinner complete with guide's tales and exploits.

The morning of the 30<sup>th</sup> brought us to the field office at Causapscal where I joined up with Luc Robillard. We worked our way southerly to Matapédia where Luc and his wife Jackie make their home. Matapédia is a delightful community located at

the junction of the Matapédia and Restigouche Rivers. Chaleur Bay begins here and New Brunswick is visible across the river to the south. The Atlantic salmon fishery is of prime importance here with interest worldwide in this resource. A few years back, there was considerable disagreement between the Quebec government and the First Nation of the M'ikmaq over control and use of this resource. As the spawning salmon entered the bay and tributaries, netting and commercial take was exacting a great toll on the fish. The "Saumon Wars" were a trying time for officers on both sides. Feelings still persist but I was impressed by the friendship that Luc had developed.

I spent three days with Luc in this area. I was privileged to witness daily the change in the fall colors. I realized that my time in Quebec was quickly coming to a close and this place was very fitting for my last memories of the countryside.

On October 2, I returned with Luc from Matapédia to Sylvain's home at Rimouski. I was surprised with a going away dinner and presented with an honorary plaque. Sylvain's daughter sold me some chocolates, which turned out very tasty. This was a truly memorable evening for my last night.

Sylvain took me to the airport on October 3. I left Quebec with memories of a lifetime. Quebec is a fantastic place. The people of the Ministère des Ressources Naturelles et de la Faune, and especially those of Protection de la Faune are professionals of the highest caliber as are those of Environment Canada. I thank NAWEOA for this opportunity. I thank those who worked on my behalf to make this trip a reality. The host families opened their arms and homes in friendship and are truly, wonderful people. Thank you very much. This was a "Bon Voyage". Now, I can think again about retirement!

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# Recognizing The Good Guys

This page recognizes the outstanding officers in various jurisdictions. If you don't see your officers listed then **contact your Jurisdictional Rep** (do not send directly to the Editor) and make sure that next year they don't get overlooked. This is your page, folks, help make it complete!

## REGION 1

Alberta Fish and Wildlife Officer Steve Carlson,  
2005 Officer of the Year

British Columbia Conservation Officer Jeff Ginter -  
2004 Officer of the Year

Northwest Territories Renewable Resource Officer  
Ken Davidge - retiring after 30 years of service

## REGION 2

Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources 2006  
Officer of the Year - Gary Coulliard

## REGION 3

New Brunswick Shikar Safari Officer of the Year -  
Richard Kingston

Newfoundland and Labrador Officer of the Year - Colin Cheater

## REGION 4

### **Arizona**

FOP Cliff Sorrell's Officer of the Year Award - Natalie Robb

Wildlife Manager of the Year - Kenny Clay

### **California**

Department of Fish and Game Officer of the Year -  
Warden Lynette Shimek

National Wild Turkey Federation Officer of the Year -  
DeWayne Little

## REGION 5

### **Arkansas**

Wildlife Officer Cpl. Roger Tate - Arkansas Wildlife  
Officer of the Year

Wildlife Officer Cpl. Roger Tate - NWTF Officer of the Year

Wildlife Officer Jeremy Whiley - Waterfowl Officer of the Year

Wildlife Officer Cpl. Brian A. Gaskins - Keep Arkansas  
Beautiful Game and Fish Litter Law Enforcement  
Officer of the Year

Wildlife Officer Sgt. Ben Sisk - 2005 Arkansas Boating  
Officer of the Year

### **Kansas**

Natural Resource Officer Dave Adams - 2005 Wildlife  
Officer of the Year

Natural Resource Officer Dennis Zehr - 2005 Boating  
Officer of the Year

Natural Resource Officer Brian Hanzlick - 2004 Shikar Safari  
Club International's Wildlife Officer of the Year

Natural Resource Officer Jeff Goeckler - 2005 Shikar Safari  
Club International's Wildlife Officer of the Year

### **Minnesota**

Conservation Officer Mike Shelden - DNR Officer of the Year

Conservation Officer Gary Forsberg - DNR Boat and Water  
Safety Achievement Award

Conservation Officer Joel Heyn - 2005 Minnesota Waterfowl  
Enforcement Achievement Award

Conservation Officer Brad V. Schultz - Willard Munger  
Wetland Achievement Award

Conservation Officer Stuart Erskine, DNR Enforcement  
Education Achievement Award

### **Nebraska**

Conservation Officer Stacey Lewton - 2005 Shikar Safari  
Club International's Wildlife Officer of the Year

### **North Dakota**

Game Warden Lt. Gary Smeltzer - Officer of the Year

### **South Dakota**

Wildlife Conservation Officer Mike Aplan - Shikar Safari  
Club International's Wildlife Officer of the Year

Wildlife Conservation Officer Aaron Kahre - Boating  
Officer of the Year

Wildlife Conservation Officer Doug Day - Turkey Federation  
Officer of the Year

Wildlife Conservation Officer Bill Eastman - Public Relations  
Officer of the Year

### **Wisconsin**

Conservation Warden Dave Algrem - Haskell Noyes  
Efficiency Award

Warden Supervisor Todd Schaller - Shikar Safari Club  
International's Wildlife Officer of the Year

## REGION 6

## **REGION 7**

- James Kane, Connecticut - Shikar-Safari & NE CLECA  
Officer of the Year
- Lt. Jonas Todd Bogardus, New Hampshire - 2004 Shikar-Safari  
Officer of the Year
- CO Mark Hensel, New Hampshire - 2004 NE CLECA  
Officer of the Year
- ECO Mark Mazurkiewicz - New York, 2005 NE CLECA  
& NWTf Officer of the Year
- ECO Mike Brazauskas - New York, 2005 Shikar-Safari  
Officer of the Year
- ECO Walter Maloney - New York, 2005 NY State Rifle  
and Pistol Association Officer of the Year
- ECO Sean Reilly, New York -Mid-Atlantic Marine Fisheries'  
Fishery Achievement Award
- Warden Carl Wedin - Vermont 2005 Commissioner Award
- Warden Christopher Connor - Vermont 2005 Commissioner  
Award
- Warden Brad Mann, Vermont, 2005 Commissioner Award
- Warden George Scribner - Vermont 2005 Warden of the Year
- Wildlife Officer Bill Runnels - Ohio 2004 Shikar Safari  
Officer of the Year
- Wildlife Officer L. Lee Van Allan - Ohio 2005 NWTf  
Officer of Year
- Wildlife Officer Steve Cromes - Ohio 2005 Mississippi Flyway  
Waterfowl Officer of the Year
- Wildlife Officer Dan Shroyer - Ohio Bow Hunters Assoc.  
Officer of the Year
- Investigator Robert T. Stewart, Ohio - Officer of the Year  
by the Association of Midwest Fish and Game Law  
Enforcement Officers for 2005
- Lake Erie Investigator Mike Tetzlaff - Ohio 2006 TIP (Ohio's  
Turn-In- a- Poacher program) Officer of the Year
- CO Warren MacNeill - Michigan 2005 Shikar-Safari Officer of  
Year and Michigan Conservation Officer of the Year
- CO Glenn Gutierrez - Michigan 2004 Shikar-Safari  
Officer of the Year
- CO Jason Smith - Michigan 2005 NWTf Officer of the Year
- WCO Rodney Bimber, PA Game - 2005 NE CLECA Officer of  
the Year
- LMO John Dzemyan, PA Game - 2005 Shikar-Safari Officer of  
the Year
- WCO William Williams, PA Game - 2005 NWTf - Officer of  
the Year
- LMO Dale Hockenberry, PA Game - 2005 NWTf Land  
Manager of the Year
- WCO James McCarthy, PA Game - 2005 PGC Award for Valor
- WCO Leonard Groshek, PA Game - 2005 PGC Life  
Saving Award
- Deputy WCO George Erskine, PA Game - 2005 PGC  
Award for Providing Emergency Medical Assistance
- WCO Corey Britcher, PA Fish & Boat - 2004 Top Gun Award  
by the PA DUI Association
- WCO Martha Mackey, PA Fish & Boat - 2005 NE CLECA -  
Officer of the Year
- CO Mark Canale, New Jersey - 2005 Conservation  
Officer of the Year
- EPO Mark Saunders, Rhode Island - 2005 NE CLECA -  
Officer of the Year
- EPO John Gingerella, Rhode Island - 2005 Shikar-Safari  
Officer of the Year
- EPO Peter Wood, Rhode Island - 2005 National Association  
of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA)  
Boating Officer of the Year

## **Let's Celebrate Wildlife Officer Awards!**

One of the things that the NAWEOA Newsletter is supposed to do is help celebrate the accomplishments and achievements of outstanding officers. These officers are recognized through Officer of the Year awards presented either by the agencies we work for or partner agencies and professional organizations.

Starting with the spring issue of this newsletter, I would like to dedicate a page to recognize these worthy folks. There won't be room for much more than the officer's name and the award, but we will publish all we receive.

So when an officer in your organization receives an award, make sure that your Jurisdictional Reps get that information and pass it on to the Regional Directors. (Don't send this information directly to the newsletter editor!) From the Directors' submissions I will build an awards recognition page.

### **Help us build this page!**



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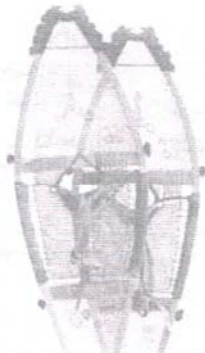


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NAWEOA 2006

Dear Delegate,

The Association des agents de protection de la faune du Québec (AAPFQ) and the ministère des Ressources naturelles et de la Faune are proud to join forces to set up the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual NAWEOA Conference, which will be held in Québec City on July 17-23, 2006.

A European-scented land on North American soil, Québec City has always been wide open to the world and has a solid tradition of hospitality. Bordered by stately St. Lawrence River, the oldest capital in Canada bridges French and British culture, the past and the present, Europe and America, city and nature.

This is where fur control and trading began 400 years ago. Here is the cradle of wildlife protection legislation in America. Here, on the old city battlefields, America wrote several early pages of its history.

Québec City is surrounded by the countryside, by national parks, mountains, and green valleys. These natural surroundings will be all yours, as NAWEOA 2006 will be held at an exceptional resort, Château Mont-Sainte-Anne.

On behalf of our 500 fellow workers and partners, we extend to you a most special invitation. We will be proud to welcome you to this UNESCO World Heritage Treasure.

You will find attached the registering form. **Please note that you can also register online at [www.naweo2006.org](http://www.naweo2006.org).**

In 2006, choose QUÉBEC, NATURALLY!

Claude Veilleux  
President, AAPFQ  
Co-president, NAWEOA 2006

Jean-Yves Desbiens  
Director, Support to Regional Activities, MRNF  
Co-president, NAWEOA 2006



Ressources naturelles  
et Faune

Québec 

# 25th Annual Conference

## July 17 to 23, 2006

### Registration Form

#### STEP 1 – DELEGATE REGISTRATION

Before completing this form, you may wish to read the information concerning registration at our website: [www.naweo2006.org](http://www.naweo2006.org).

#### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. <input type="checkbox"/>	Last name		First name	
Employer/organization				
Postal address				
Town/City		Country		Postal code
Telephone Area code	Ext.	Fax Area code	E-mail	

#### REGISTRANT PROFILE

Are you a voting member of the NAWEOA? Yes ☐ No ☐

Are you:

– a member of the NAWEOA executive? Yes ☐ No ☐

– a NAWEOA regional director? Yes ☐ No ☐

– a NAWEOA juridictional representative? Yes ☐ No ☐

Are you a retired officer? Yes ☐ No ☐

How many years of service do you have? \_\_\_\_\_

Which language(s) do you speak? French ☐ English ☐ French/English ☐

Indicate your T-shirt size: XXL ☐ XL ☐ L ☐ M ☐ S ☐ XS ☐

## REGISTRATION CATEGORIES

Each of the following four categories of registration includes:

- the presentations, workshops, meetings and hospitality evenings
- simultaneous interpretation in the rooms where this service is provided
- the opening and closing ceremonies
- the health breaks on Thursday, Friday and Saturday
- exhibit hall admission
- the officers' lunch on Thursday, July 20
- the exhibitors' cocktail on Thursday, July 20
- the Warden Skills on Friday, July 21
- the dinner following the Warden Skills
- the dinner and gala evening (banquet) on Saturday, July 22

☐ **Category 1: NAWEOA member**

Until May 15, 2006 (12 midnight EST): **\$165**

After May 15, 2006: **\$200**

Cost

☐ **Category 2: Non-member**

Until May 15, 2006 (12 midnight EST): **\$190**

After May 15, 2006: **\$225**

☐ **Category 3: Retired officer or  
Student in a training school recognized by the NAWEOA**

Until May 15, 2006 (12 midnight EST): **\$125**

After May 15, 2006: **\$150**

Also included, for retirees only:

- retired officers' breakfast, Friday, July 21
- wine and cheese, Saturday, July 22

☐ **Category 4: One-day pass**

Before May 15, 2006 (12 midnight EST): **\$75**

After May 15, 2006: **\$95**

Each pass gives access to the activities of the day selected.

Indicate the desired day:

☐ **Thursday, July 20**

☐ **Friday, July 21**

☐ **Saturday, July 22**

Subtotal: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## STEP 2 – GUEST REGISTRATION (SPOUSE OR OTHER)

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Mr. <input type="checkbox"/>	Ms. <input type="checkbox"/>	Last name	First name
Until May 15, 2006 (12 midnight EST): <b>\$100</b> After May 15, 2006: <b>\$125</b>			<b>Cost</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 30px; width: 100%;"></div>
Each registration includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>hospitality evenings</li> <li>simultaneous interpretation in the rooms where this service is provided</li> <li>the opening and closing ceremonies</li> <li>the health breaks</li> <li>exhibitors' cocktail on Thursday, July 20</li> <li>exhibit hall admission</li> <li>the guests' lunch on Thursday, July 20</li> <li>the guests' version of the Warden Skills on Friday, July 21</li> <li>the dinner following the Warden Skills</li> <li>the dinner and gala evening (banquet) on Saturday, July 22</li> </ul>			
<b>Subtotal: \$</b> _____			

## STEP 3 – CHILD REGISTRATION (AGE 17 AND UNDER)

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Last name	First name	Age
Last name	First name	Age
Last name	First name	Age
Last name	First name	Age

Until May 15, 2006 (12 midnight EST): <b>\$40</b> (multiplied by the number of children) After May 15, 2006: <b>\$50</b> (multiplied by the number of children)	<b>Cost</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 30px; width: 100%;"></div>
Each registration includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the opening ceremony</li> <li>exhibit hall admission</li> <li>the Youth Chalet, open from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday</li> <li>the "Fishing for Small Frys" activity, including lunch, on Thursday, July 20</li> <li>the "Greenwings" activity on Friday, July 21</li> <li>the youth version of the Warden Skills on Friday, July 21</li> <li>the dinner following the Warden Skills</li> <li>the youth hospitality evenings</li> <li>the "Pasta and Pizza" dinner on Saturday, July 22</li> </ul>	
<b>Subtotal: \$</b> _____	



## STEP 4 – ACTIVITIES OFFERED TO REGISTRANTS (R), GUESTS (G) AND CHILDREN (C)

Please indicate all the desired activities, even those that are free, by checking off the appropriate boxes.

PRESENTATIONS OFFERED TO REGISTRANTS (R) AND GUESTS (G)						
Date/Time	Title	Price/person	R	G	C	Cost ①
<b>2006-07-20</b>						
2:30 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.	*Introduction to the Aboriginal Communities of Québec and the Québec Legal Framework (English)	–				
3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.	*Northern lights, wildlife protection in northern Québec, before and after Aboriginal partnerships with the Québec government (English)	–				
4:45 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.	*Aboriginal Justice: Thoughts concerning the Canadian legal system and Canada's First Nations (English)	–				
<b>2006-07-21</b>						
8:15 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.	*The role of tactical information in enforcing laws respecting wildlife and wildlife trafficking (English)	–				
8:15 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.	Training of officers: New CITES learning techniques (French)	–				
8:15 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.	A rehabilitation network for birds of prey in Québec (French)	–				
8:15 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.	*No habitat, no wildlife! Protection of wildlife habitats in Québec (French)	–				
10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.	*An Alaskan Hunt for Justice (English)	–				
10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.	Training of officers: New CITES learning techniques (English)	–				
10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.	A rehabilitation network for birds of prey in Québec (English)	–				
10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.	Dog master: An important resource in combating poaching (English)	–				
11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.	*Noon conference on the protection of wild turkey (English) Conference only Conference and lunch	\$0 \$15				
<b>2006-07-22</b>						
11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.	*Noon conference on the Post-traumatic stress (French) Conference only Conference and lunch	\$0 \$15				
1:45 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.	Agreement on humane trapping standards in Québec and Canada (English)	–				
1:45 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.	Wildlife and natural environment education (French)	–				
1:45 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.	Verbal Judo – Tactical communications (English)	–				
1:45 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.	*Marine mammal protection in Québec (English)	–				
1:45 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.	Wildlife and natural environment education (English)	–				
3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	*Protecting the sturgeon in Québec (French)	–				
3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Verbal Judo – Tactical communications (French)	–				
3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Agreement on humane trapping standards in Québec and Canada (French)	–				
3:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.	*Safe attitudes for an armed confrontation (English)	–				
3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Wildlife and natural environment education (English)	–				
(*) simultaneous translation						

① The amount entered must take into account the number of persons registered and the cost of the corresponding activity.

Subtotal: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**EVENT-SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES OFFERED TO REGISTRANTS (R), GUESTS (G) AND CHILDREN (C)**

Date/Time	Title	Price/person	R	G	C	Cost ①
2006-07-19	Torch Run – Adults Choice of size of T-shirt XXL <input type="checkbox"/> XL <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> XS <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Non-taxable activity. Please enter the total amount at the end of the form.</b>	\$20 (meal included)				
	Torch Run – Under age 18 Choice of size of T-shirt XXL <input type="checkbox"/> XL <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> XS <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Non-taxable activity. Please enter the total amount at the end of the form.</b>	\$12 (meal included)				
	Torch Run – Dinner only	\$10				
	Torch Run – transportation	(\$5)*				
	Group photograph (8" x 12") for active and retired officers ②	\$10				
2006-07-20	Opening ceremony	–				
	Officers' lunch	–				
	Guests' lunch (spouse or other)	–				
2006-07-21	Retired officers' breakfast	–				
	Warden Skills – Officers, guests and children	–				
	Dinner following the Warden Skills	–				
	NAWEOA conference bid presentation	–				
	Breakfast offered to NAWEOA administrators and sector representatives	–				
2006-07-22	Female Officers' breakfast	–				
	Officers exchange program presentations	–				
	NAWEOA general business meeting	–				
	Closing ceremony	–				
			Subtotal: \$ _____			

**SOCIAL ACTIVITIES OFFERED TO REGISTRANTS (R), GUESTS (G) AND CHILDREN (C)**

Date/Time	Title	Price/person	R	G	C	Cost
2006-07-17	Cruise and guided tour to Grosse Ile and the Irish Memorial	\$60 (age 17 and over)				
		\$40 (age 6 to 16)				
		\$10 (age 5 and under)				
	Outing to the Parc national de la Jacques-Cartier	\$50 (age 12 and over)				
2006-07-18	Whale Watching Tour	\$75 (age 17 and over)				
		\$55 (age 6 to 16)				
		\$10 (age 5 and under)				
	Outing to the Parc national des Hautes-Gorges	\$35				
	Duchesnay: Tree Link Activity and the Labyrinth	\$45 (age 18 and over)				
		\$40 (age 12 to 17)				
	Golf tournament	\$85				
2006-07-19	Self-guided tour – Québec City (transportation)	(\$5)*				
	Guided tour – Québec City	\$30 (age 13 and over)				
		\$20 (age 6 to 12)				
2006-07-20	"Fishing for Small Frys" youth activity	–				
	Dinner – Aboriginal theme	\$20				
	Exhibitors' cocktail	–				
2006-07-21	Outing to the Cap Tourmente National Wildlife Area (morning only)	\$10				
	"Greenwings" youth activity at the Cap Tourmente National Wildlife Area (morning only)	–				
2006-07-22	Village Vacances Valcartier Water Park	\$35 (age 12 and over)				
		\$25 (age 2 to 11)				
	Galleries de la Capitale – Shopping and amusement park	\$10				
	"Bonjour Québec" dinner and gala evening (banquet) ③	–				
	"Pasta and Pizza" dinner and youth evening	–				

① The amount entered must take into account the number of persons registered and the cost of the corresponding activity.

② You will also be able to purchase copies onsite at a cost of \$15 each.

③ Included in the registration fee.

\* Participants registering for Torch Run and Self-guided tour have to pay only one transport fee (\$5).

**PAYMENT**

Your registration will be considered complete and official once your payment has been fully processed. Only Visa, Master Card and American Express cards are accepted.

Please note that the prices indicated in this form do not include applicable taxes. In Québec, there are two taxes: the 7% GST and the 7.5% QST. You need to add the tax(es) to your total registration cost. However, the Torch Run activity is non-taxable since all proceeds from it go to a registered charity.

Carry over all subtotals:

GST 7%

Subtotal

QST 7.5%

Subtotal

Add the cost of the Torch Run (see at the top of page 6)

**Grand total**

**TERMS OF PAYMENT**

Cheque number \_\_\_\_\_

Cheque payable to: **AAPFQ-NAWEOA 2006**

Credit card: (circle) **MC VISA AMEX**

Name on the card \_\_\_\_\_

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**CANCELLATION**

If you decide to cancel your registration for the Conference, we must receive your written request before June 1, 2006. There will be no refunds after this date. If you are entitled to a refund, it will be sent to you within 30 days after the event.

If you wish to make changes to your contact information or require further information concerning registration, please do not hesitate to contact us.

**SHUTTLE SERVICE**

For persons traveling by air, a shuttle service will be made available for transportation from the Jean-Lesage International Airport (Québec City) to the official conference site at Château Mont Sainte-Anne. The same service will also be made available to persons traveling by train and/or by bus and who will be arriving at the Québec City Gare du Palais train and bus terminal. This shuttle service will be available, upon request, from Saturday, July 15 to Sunday, July 23, 2006. If you wish to take advantage of this service, please advise us of your arrival and departure points and times, as well as the number of persons, if any, accompanying you. Please provide our Organizing Committee (see below) with this information before June 30, 2006.

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www.naweo2006.org

# Schedule and Activities

## Sunday, July 16, 2006

8 a.m. to 8 p.m.	Free time
8 p.m. to 12 midnight	Hospitality evening

## Monday, July 17, 2006

6:30 a.m.	Breakfast (on your own)
7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.	Welcome – Registration
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Outing to the Parc national de la Jacques-Cartier
9 a.m. to 10 p.m.	Youth Chalet (age 6 to 17)
9 a.m. to 6 p.m.	Cruise and guided tour of Gross Ile and the Irish Memorial
8 p.m. to 12 midnight	Hospitality evening

## Tuesday, July 18, 2006

6:30 a.m.	Breakfast (on your own)
7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.	Welcome - Registration
9 a.m. to 10 p.m.	Youth Chalet (age 6 to 17)
6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.	Outing to the Parc national des Hautes-Gorges
7 a.m. to 9 p.m.	Whale Watching Tour
8 a.m. to 6 p.m.	Duchesnay: Tree Link Adventure and the Labyrinth
11 a.m. to 7 p.m.	Golf tournament
8 p.m. to 12 midnight	Hospitality evening

## Wednesday, July 19, 2006

6:30 a.m.	Breakfast (on your own)
7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.	Welcome - Registration
9 a.m. to 10 p.m.	Youth Chalet (age 6 to 17)
8 a.m. to 7 p.m.	Self-guided tour and Guided tour – Québec City
3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.	Torch Run – Plains of Abraham
5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.	Torch Run dinner – Grand Allée Armoury
8 p.m. to 12 midnight	Hospitality evening

## Thursday, July 20, 2006

6:30 a.m.	Breakfast (on your own)
7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.	Welcome - Registration
9 a.m. to 10 p.m.	Youth Chalet (age 6 to 17)
8:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.	Opening ceremony
10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.	Group photograph
10:15 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.	"Fishing for Small Frys" youth activity
11 a.m. to 6 p.m.	Exhibit hall
11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Exhibitors' cocktail
12:15 p.m. to 5 p.m.	Guests/spouses' lunch and activities
12:15 p.m. to 2 p.m.	Officers' lunch
2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.	Presentations
7 p.m. to 9 p.m.	Dinner – Aboriginal theme
8 p.m. to 12 midnight	Hospitality evening

## Friday, July 21, 2006

6:30 a.m.	Breakfast (on your own)
6:45 a.m. to 7:45 a.m.	NAWEOA representatives' breakfast
7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.	Welcome – Registration
9 a.m. to 10 p.m.	Youth Chalet (age 6 to 17)
7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.	Retired officers' breakfast
8 a.m. to 12 noon	Presentations
8 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Exhibit hall
8:30 a.m. to 12 noon	Outing to the Cap Tourmente National Wildlife Area
	"Greenwings" youth activity
11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.	Noon conference
	Title: Protection of the wild turkey
1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.	Warden Skills – officers, guests and children
5 p.m. to 7 p.m.	Warden Skills dinner
7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.	NaweoA Conference bid presentation
8 p.m. to 12 midnight	Hospitality evening of the 25th Conference

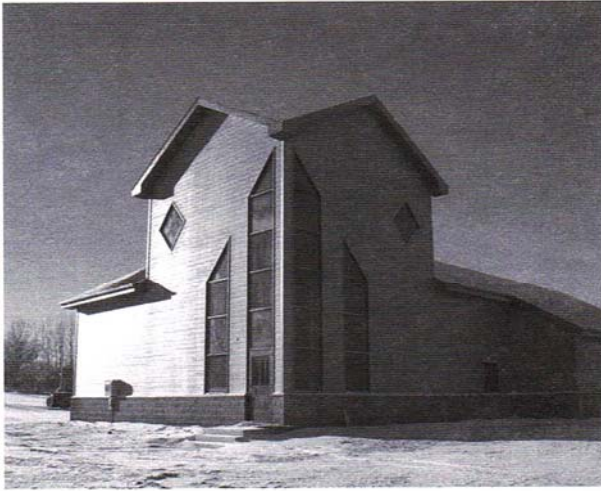
## Saturday, July 22, 2006

6:30 a.m.	Breakfast (on your own)
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Welcome – Registration
9 a.m. to 10 p.m.	Youth Chalet (age 6 to 17)
7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.	Female Officers' breakfast
7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Village Vacances Valcartier Water Park
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Galleries de la Capitale – Shopping and amusement park
8 a.m. to 6 p.m.	Exhibit hall
8:15 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.	Officers exchange program presentation
9:45 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.	Plenary meeting of the NAWEOA
12 noon to 1:30 p.m.	Noon conference
	Title: Post-traumatic stress
1:45 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Presentations
5 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.	Closing ceremony
6 p.m. to 11 p.m.	"Pasta and Pizza" youth dinner and evening
6:30 p.m. to 12 midnight	"Bonjour Québec" dinner and gala evening (banquet)

## Sunday, July 23, 2006

6:30 a.m.	Breakfast (on your own)
6 a.m. to 12 noon	Departures
10 a.m. to 11 a.m.	Religious ceremony

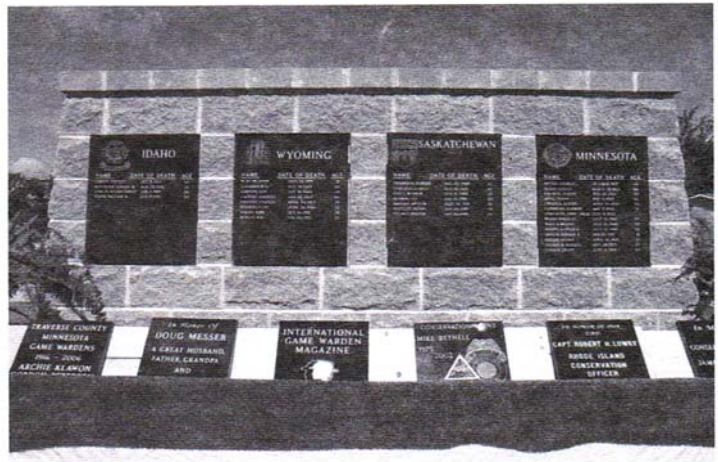
# Have You Given Your Heroes The Recognition They Deserve



It was less than two years ago when construction first began at the site of the North American Game Warden Museum at the International Peace Garden. Construction has been completed on the first of two phases of the Museum and construction of the Fallen Officer Memorial will be completed by the end of this summer.

The Fallen Officer Memorial will be the most significant and important display at the Museum. The Memorial will honor fallen officers from all jurisdictions across Canada and the United States. 75% of the State, Provincial and Government jurisdictions that contain wildlife and/or fisheries enforcement as part of their mandate have already made the commitment to honor their fallen officers.

Eight jurisdictions that do not have any fallen officers have purchased a plaque and have dedicated their plaque to those that have made the ultimate sacrifice. The Memorial will not be complete until all jurisdictions are represented. Each jurisdictional plaque will be permanently placed on one of eight cairns (see photo) located within the Memorial Gardens as an eternal monument to your agency's fallen heroes.



We expect thousands of visitors each year to view these eternal monuments to those who have given their lives in the line of duty. Make sure your heroes are honored. A letter including a brochure explaining the Memorial has been sent to all jurisdictions that have not yet made the commitment. We are encouraging those remaining jurisdictions to honor their fallen officers by contacting us at [www.gamewardenmuseum.org](http://www.gamewardenmuseum.org). Don't be the last to honor your fallen heroes.



Nunavut Officer Curtis Didham (left) and Wildlife Biologist Moshi Kotierk sampling polar bears

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