

# 43<sup>RD</sup> NORTH AMERICAN MOOSE CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRINCE GEORGE, BRITISH COLUMBIA

2 - 7 JUNE 2007

As the mountain pine beetle infests pine forests throughout BC, the question is: what is the impact on wildlife, in particular moose? This set the theme for the 43rd North American Moose Conference: Moose in a Changing Landscape.

The 43rd Annual Moose Conference and Workshop was held at the University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC), June 2-7, 2007. UNBC hosted the conference with the BC Ministry of Forests and Range, the BC Ministry of Environment, the Peace/Williston Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program, and the John Prince Research Forest. The conference was attended by 102 delegates from Canada, the United States, and Finland who met to exchange ideas and share new developments in moose research, management, and biology.

Conference sessions addressed: population dynamics, management, distribution, habitat relationships, science policy, landscape change, vegetation dynamics, vehicle collisions, and mitigation. A pre-Conference field trip to the John Prince Research Forest was enjoyed by 9 delegates. Delegates enjoyed a one-day field trip east of Prince George to view an ancient forest stand of interior red cedar, learn about the dynamics of the mountain pine beetle infestation of pine stands and plantations, visit a moose observation facility near a major highway, and discuss on-going research on vegetation control to mitigate moose-vehicle collisions.

Kristine Rines, recipient of the Distinguished Moose Biologist Award in 2006, gave the keynote address about the challenges of the introduction and history of moose management in the state of New Hampshire.

The 2007 recipient of the Distinguished Moose Biologist Award was Dr. Kris J. Hundertmark of the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

An ice-breaker and barbeque encouraged social interaction amongst delegates, spouses, and invited guests. A lively auction at the banquet provided a spirited highlight for all and the expertise of the auctioneer paid dividends to the coffers of ALCES.

We are grateful to our many sponsors whose financial contributions made this Conference a success: Association of Professional Biologists of BC, BC Hydro, BC Ministry of Environment, BC Ministry of Forests and Range, Canadian Forest Products, City of Prince George, CN Railway, Dunkley Lumber, Guide Outfitters Association of British Columbia, Habitat Conservation Trust Fund, Insurance Corporation of BC, Integrated Land Management Bureau, John Prince Research Forest, Peace/Williston Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program, Spruce City Wildlife Association, Tl'azt'ən

Nation, and UNBC. Thanks to local businesses and individuals who donated auction items and wild game meat for the banquet. Most importantly, a special thanks to Jennifer Studney, UNBC Conference & Events Services, for shouldering the burden of administering the Conference details.

CO-CHAIRS: Roy Rea and Ken Child

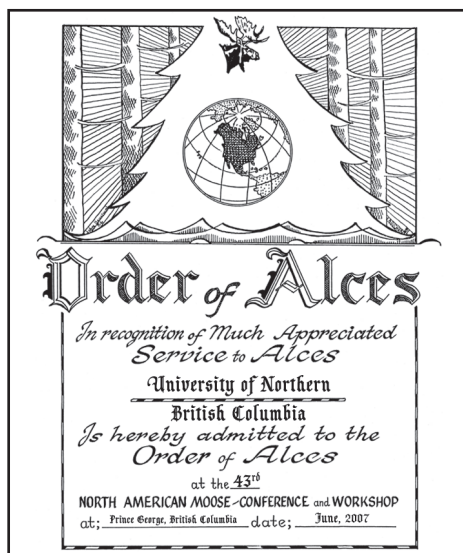
HOST: University of Northern British Columbia

LOCATION:

University of Northern British Columbia  
3333 University Way  
Prince George, BC, V2N 4Z9

DATE: June 2-7, 2007

NUMBER OF DELEGATES/PARTICIPANTS: 102



## ORDER OF ALCES - 2007

In recognition of much appreciated service related to organizing the annual meeting, a special certificate, entitled the ORDER OF ALCES, was first presented at the 22nd North American Moose Conference and Workshop. The recipients of this certificate in 2007 were Chris Johnson, Roy Rea, Jennifer Studney, (University of Northern British Columbia), Jeremy Ayotte, Ken Child, Ian Hatter, Doug Heard, Glen Watts (B.C. Ministry of Environment), Dale Seip (B.C. Ministry of Forests and Range), Mari Wood (Peace/Williston Fish & Wildlife Program), Dan Aitken (College of New Caledonia), John Deal (CanFor), and Dexter Hodder (John Prince Research Forest).