



## CALL FOR PRESENTERS!!!

Deadline: March 23, 2012

**5<sup>TH</sup> BIENNIAL NORTHEASTERN TRANSPORTATION AND WILDLIFE CONFERENCE**  
**SEPTEMBER 9 – 12, 2012**  
**JORDAN GRAND RESORT HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER**  
**NEWRY, MAINE**

Abstracts for oral presentations and posters are invited for the *5<sup>TH</sup> BIENNIAL NORTHEASTERN TRANSPORTATION AND WILDLIFE CONFERENCE*.

**Meeting Theme:** ROAD ECOLOGY IN ECONOMICALLY CHALLENGING TIMES

At this time, regulatory and economic factors provide challenges to providing transportation infrastructure that has a reduced affect upon the surrounding landscape. The amount of deficient infrastructure exceeds the funds available so that modifications and strategies required by regulatory requirements get priority. This conference will discuss these challenges and show how agencies are meeting the challenge with the resources available.

**2012 Topic areas include:**

- **Regulatory** – ESA Section 7 Consultation requirements
- **Wildlife Mitigation** – Monitoring protocols, examples and results, (both wildlife and aquatic organisms)
- **Integrating strategies** within the State and Provincial DOTs
- **Integrating strategies** with State and Provincial Resource Agencies and other NGO and Conservation partners
- **Safety** – Collision reduction strategies
- **Economics Cost** – Effective (cheap) innovations
- **Passage strategies** – Habitat modifications Aquatic Organism
- **State wildlife strategies** – Initiatives
- **Road ecology planning strategies** – Integrating planning strategies into final design plans

Focal topics can be research, planning, monitoring, design, and/or active conservation. Abstracts do not necessarily need to address one of the suggested topic areas listed above but a clear link to wildlife conservation and transportation planning in the northeast must be justified.

All presenters must register and pay the appropriate conference registration fee. Registration information will be available after June 1.

### **Opportunities for Participation**

1. Oral Presentations are intended to provide a synopsis of important findings from your work and should focus on key findings and conclusions. Cases drawn from management experiences are welcome. Oral presentations are limited to 20 minutes per person, with additional time for questions from the audience. Time limits will be strictly enforced. Oral presentations are limited to Microsoft PowerPoint only; no other formats will be accepted.
2. Poster Sessions provide a visual representation of your recent research or on-going projects. Posters also provide a chance for symposium attendees to interact directly with the presenter.
3. Panel Discussions are intended to explore a range of perspectives, which will be centered on one or more of our topic areas and last no longer than one and a half hours. Those interested should submit the title of their panel discussion along with the members of the proposed panel.

### **Guidelines for submitting oral/poster/panel presentations:**

- Format should be as follows:
  - Title
  - Contact information for the corresponding author, and name and affiliation of co-authors
  - Abstract (no longer than 250 words)
  - Oral/Poster/Panel (choose one)
  - Yes/No – If submitting an abstract for an oral presentation, please indicate whether you would be willing to present a poster if your oral presentation is not chosen.
- Abstract should be saved as MSWord document ‘Last name\_First name NETWC abstract’
- Submit abstracts to [Richard.Bostwick@maine.gov](mailto:Richard.Bostwick@maine.gov). Subject heading should be ‘Last name\_First name NETWC abstract’.

**Abstracts must be received on March 23 by 4:30 PM EST**