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JOIN US TO LEARN MORE ABOUT CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE AND AVIAN INFLUENZA



The Department of Natural Resources is once again hosting CWD training for DNR and Public Safety employees. We are also opening it up to the community if any hunters, guides, or tribal members are interested in the process we use at DNR to ensure the health of moose and deer on PIN land!

WHEN: Monday, August 13th

WHERE: Nick Sapiel building
Starts at 8:00 am and will last most of the day

→ LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED ←



Anyone interested in participating is welcome to stay for both training sessions or one or the other, whichever they prefer.

Training agendas are as follows:

Chronic Wasting Disease Program (CWD):



Phase I CWD training consists of a power point presentation that summarizes CWD parameters such as epidemiology, ecology, biology, available management control methods, human dimensions, environmental contamination, disposal and disinfection, surveillance, diagnostics, and disease response planning. Phase I takes about one hour to complete.



Phase II training consists of a laboratory session for protocol on dissection, sample extraction and sample submission. Participants are shown how to access, remove, and preserve the obex and retropharyngeal lymph nodes from a cervid carcass. Phase II takes about one hour to complete.

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Avian Influenza (AI):

Phase I AI training consists of a power point presentation that summarizes avian influenza parameters such as epidemiology, ecology, biology, available management control methods, human dimensions, environmental contamination, disposal and disinfection, surveillance, diagnostics, and disease response planning. Training takes about one hour to complete.

Phase II training consists of a laboratory session for protocol on extracting and submitting cloacal samples from live birds as well as cloacal and tracheal samples from dead birds. Phase II takes about one hour to complete.

Please contact Kristin Peet, DNR Wildlife Biologist at 817-7363 if you have any questions. We hope to see you there!



Penobscot Nation Eagle Update: By Kristin Peet

Many tribal members have been asking how the tribe's eagle is fairing at Avian Haven Rehabilitation Center in Freedom. I recently had the chance to visit the bird and see its new "condo" that was designed and built by Terry Heitz (see below). Avian Haven has gone above and beyond in their care for the tribe's eagle (which is still unnamed if anyone has any ideas)! The eagle cannot be rehabilitated due to a permanent wing injury. Normally, a bird in his condition would be put to sleep; however Mark and Diane understood the significant spiritual importance of this bird to the tribe and have taken extraordinary measures to ensure the bird has a comfortable home at Avian Haven. Not only does he have a home, but he has a job! Being that he is a very wild eagle, he has become an excellent role model for young eagles that are taken in by Avian Haven and need to be "taught" how to be a grown up eagle. "By watching the adult eagle young birds learn manners," Diane told me. This step is integral in a successful release back into the wild, which is the ultimate goal for the juvenile eagles.



Photo courtesy of Avian Haven

Avian Haven is solely run by volunteers, and help from tribal members would be **greatly** appreciated! Volunteer drivers are often needed to "shuttle" an injured bird down to Avian Haven. They also need people who are willing to clean the eagle's cage on a regular basis. This is an excellent opportunity for the Penobscot Nation to show their thanks for all the hard work Mark and Diane have put into the care of the tribe's eagle. Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age.



Photo courtesy of Terry Heitz

If you are interested in volunteering or have any further questions, please call:

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