

Committee for Responsible Wildlife Management

*“Promoting Science Based Wildlife
Management Decisions for a Better
Massachusetts”*



About US.....

The formation of the “Committee for Responsible Wildlife Management” (CRWM) was proposed by concerned citizens of Massachusetts who believe that in recent years, there has been an urgent need for people to be reintroduced to and reconnected with the true meaning of conservation and the proper management of our resident furbearing wildlife. The goals of the CRWM are to disseminate factual information supported by decades of research on proper furbearer wildlife management, explain why it is essential on today’s landscape and begin to build a network of citizens willing to take the next step in rectifying the current situation by getting involved.

As a group, we believe in the “responsible use” of our natural resources for the benefit of both wildlife and society. Not only do we believe this to be appropriate, but essential for the continued, healthy co-existence between modern society and the natural world. Aldo Leopold once described conservation as “the state of harmony between man and the land”. He went on to write “the real substance of conservation does not lie in the physical projects of governments, but the mental processes of citizens”. Aldo Leopold, one of the great American icons of the modern conservation movement was saying that each of us are responsible for the health of our natural world around us, which means we must participate in it, not just be a spectator of it.

Our Mission.....

To ensure that decisions concerning the management of our furbearing wildlife in Massachusetts are based on science, not politics or emotional ideology. We intend to help the residents of Massachusetts become better informed on critical furbearer wildlife management activities and the necessary tools that are currently severely restricted in Massachusetts. In addition to people who are, or wish to become actively involved in the management of our resident furbearing wildlife, our intended audience includes those who have no desire to participate themselves, but are willing to listen. The goal is to allow all citizens to form their own opinions concerning management methods and activities based on scientific inquiry and fact, not emotion or personal preference. We intend to provide factual information on furbearer management and create knowledgeable, well informed individuals who will then have the tools to answer the tough questions based on decades of valuable conservation work and entire careers. Everyone benefits from a reasonable, responsible, and flexible state regulated approach to wildlife management. However, in order for this to happen, public support is critical, and education is paramount.

Strategy to Fulfill our Mission.....

🍁 The cultivation of positive relationships with our district representatives. This is critical to ensuring our political decisions are based on the best possible science available and not influenced by emotional justifications or personal ideology. This approach provides opportunity for an educated and informed public to participate in a meaningful, positive way in the political process.

Strategy continued...

🍁 The creation of a statewide network of individuals willing to get involved. These citizens will help disseminate factual information locally and provide timely accurate information to our district representatives and the public.

🍁 Creating an active membership willing to attend public hearings on furbearer wildlife issues and participate in efforts at the State House during critical periods.

🍁 The encouragement of a healthy public sentiment in favor of better laws to protect our natural resources; to assist in the enactment of laws for the adequate protection and management of these natural resources.

🍁 The distribution of information to help foster a public understanding and appreciation of the importance of wisely managing and conserving our furbearing wild resources, for the benefit of both wildlife and society.

🍁 The public promotion of wildlife management, using the most humane, effective and best methods available. All of which are based on solid science and years of dedicated research.

🍁 Providing access to essential information, and provide that information through seminars, presentations and workshops concerning proper wildlife management and the critical role trapping plans in state wildlife management plans.

** The Committee for Responsible Wildlife Management is registered with the State of Massachusetts as a non-profit organization. The CWRM is actively perusing 501(c)* federal tax exempt status as of 6/1/08.*

The Father of Modern North

American Conservation:

Theodore Roosevelt – An American Icon (1858-1919)

Our country is forever indebted to President Theodore Roosevelt. He exemplifies the CRWM's commitment, honesty and belief that conservation must include our participation and not just our observation. Our ability as a society to successfully co-exist with wildlife demands this participation – without question. His enthusiastic love for life and the natural world was the foundation for establishing his legacy that will forever be felt by the citizens of our country. The all inclusive approach to conservation was the hallmark of his success.



Theodore Roosevelt and John Muir on
Glacier Point, Yosemite Valley, California, c1906

Words to live by: **Climbing into the Arena**

"It is not the critic who counts, not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly...who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, who spends himself in a worthy cause, who at least knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who have never known neither victory nor defeat."

-Theodore Roosevelt, 1910

How you can help.....

Become a Member!

YOUR \$15.00 - \$25 Annual Membership CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE! Not only will it help fund our efforts, but it will add your name to a growing list of supporters wanting positive, responsible change in our Massachusetts furbearing wildlife current management strategy.

Supporting Membership \$15.00

The **supporting annual membership** is our most basic membership that tells us that you support our efforts by contributing membership dues and want to keep up-to-date on current information concerning wildlife management efforts to create positive change.

Active Silver Membership \$20.00

A **silver** annual membership costs little more than a supportive membership, but tells us you may be interested in doing more than contributing monetarily in support of the organizations mission. This additional effort can come in the form of being a conduit of information concerning wildlife in your district to the CRWM staff with issue regarding wildlife.

Active Gold Membership \$25.00

The **Gold** annual membership costs little more than a supportive or silver membership, but tells us you may be interested in doing more as a member than only contributing monetarily in support of the organizations mission and/or being a local contact for the CRWM.

Becoming a member of the CRWM gives us and you a powerful voice when and where it counts: in the local communities and on Beacon Hill. You can choose to become a supporting member or become part of a growing network of people willing to get more involved. It's your choice. The first step is to sign up.

Organization Membership \$300

Sportsmen's Clubs or Leagues, Conservation groups, among others can utilize this membership option

The organizational annual membership gives recognition that all your members support the efforts and **MISSION** of the CRWM as a collective group.

DONATE!

Businesses and organizations can donate as well as individuals. Supporting donations give Businesses and organizations a prominent place on our website.

- **Bronze donation \$50 - \$100**
- **Silver donation \$125 - \$250**
- **Gold donation \$300 - \$900**
- **Platinum \$1000 & up**

Send check or money order to:

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P.O. Box 2537,
Amherst MA 01004

Or

Contact us at: 617-301-8380

Or

Sign up or donate ONLINE using our easy secure website at: **<http://www.macrwm.org>**

Make sure to visit us on the web! We are a tremendous resource of factual information. And we give you an opportunity to submit your own stories!