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## BEAR AWARE WILDERNESS SAFETY

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**FROM:** MARITIME COLLEGE OF FOREST TECHNOLOGY

**SUBJECT:** May 18, 2010 course offering

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The Maritime College of Forest Technology's, Department of Continuing Education is pleased to offer **Bear Aware Wilderness Safety** training with Gerry Redmond as instructor. The course date is May 18, 2010. This one-day workshop will be held in RM 230 of the Maritime College of Forest Technology. Specific course details including an agenda, instructor profile, application form and tuition costs are included in the attached announcement.

Enrolment is open to the public. Anyone whose work causes them to be in and around the woodlands or waterways will benefit from the safety knowledge presented during this course. Bears, coyotes and some wildlife diseases will be covered. The classroom session will be combined with a practical field session.

Past course participants have all commented on Gerry's presentation technique and the quality of the information provided. Participant numbers are limited to 20 per course. A very hectic training schedule limits additional courses and they will only be scheduled if participant numbers are available – so please register early. Private sessions for your industry or agency will be entertained on a case by case basis.

If you have any questions or wish to reserve a seat on this or any other course, please call 506-458-0643.



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*N. Tim Cameron, Director  
Department of Continuing Education*

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**DATES:** May 18, 2010

**LOCATION:** RM 230, Blenis Hall, Maritime College of Forest Technology, Fredericton NB.

**OBJECTIVES:** This program is designed to help participants:

- Understand the dangers that exist in and around woodlands with respect to bears, coyotes and wildlife diseases.
- Demonstrate and practice the procedures to help avoid contact with bears, coyotes, and other wildlife.
- Show and demonstrate appropriate safety actions to take when confronted by bears, coyotes, or other wildlife.

**CANDIDATES:** This program is open to the public and designed for people whose work will take them into or near any wooded areas and waterways where bears and coyotes live. This is often closer to cities and rural communities than one normally realizes. Private courses for industry or agencies will be considered on a case by case basis.

**FORMAT:** **Bear Aware Wilderness Safety** training will be conducted in an informal manner. The workshop will follow a set agenda. The session will combine a classroom knowledge session with a practical field application of avoidance skills. The field session will demonstrate repellents of various forms. This clearly and logically presented material was highly praised by previous course participants for its hands-on and applicability to real life situations.

**FACILITATOR:** Mr. Gerald Redmond is currently the Fish & Wildlife instructor and Associate Director of the Maritime College of Forest Technology (MCFT), Fredericton NB. Gerry has been teaching fish and wildlife courses at the College since September 2000. Prior to that, he spent 13 years as Big Game Manager, Forest Habitat Manager, and Acting Director of the Fish & Wildlife Branch, NB Department of Natural Resources.

During his career, Gerry has had a wide variety of fish and wildlife experience including the study of spruce grouse in northern NB and Ontario; American woodcock research in NB; coyote research in Fundy National Park; moose calf mortality studies; black bear population studies; Arctic hare research in NFLD; and caribou, moose and wolf studies in Labrador.

**FACILITATOR cont'd:**

His teaching career has included fish and wildlife management courses at Lakehead University, Thunder Bay ON; the Labrador Institute of Northern Studies, Goose Bay; Research Associate at University of NB, Faculty of Forestry; and Fish & Wildlife Instructor at MCFT. Gerry has conducted Wildlife Awareness and Safety workshops for students at the College as well as staff and students with Environment Canada, UNB, Jacques-Whitford Consulting; New Brunswick's Becoming an Outdoors Woman program and various informal public gatherings.

His current professional contributions include Associate Editor of the scientific journal on moose management and research (ALCES) and co-editor of the magazine *The Moose Call*. He is a member of the Wildlife Society, The American Fisheries Society, and the Atlantic Society of Fish & Wildlife Biologists. Gerry is also a member of Nova Scotia's Mainland Moose Recovery Team and has served various posts in these and other professional organizations.

**ENROLMENT:** Enrolment will be limited to 20 candidates on a first come-first served basis.

**ACCOMMODATIONS:**

Accommodations are available in Torunski Hall of the Maritime College of Forest Technology. Room rates are as follows:

Single Occupancy - \$35.00/person/night + HST  
Double Occupancy - \$25.00/person/night + HST

Commercial rooms and/or board are also available at nearby commercial establishments.

**MEALS:** Meals are available at the Forestry Complex Cafeteria on a pay as you go basis or through a meal ticket available upon registration.

**TUITION:** Tuition for the program including supplies is \$130.00 + HST.

***BEAR AWARE WILDERNESS***  
***is equivalent to 7 Continuing Forestry Education Credits.***

