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## BEAR SAFETY & WILDLIFE AWARENESS

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**FROM:** MARITIME COLLEGE OF FOREST TECHNOLOGY

**SUBJECT:** Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 course offering


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The Maritime College of Forest Technology's, Department of Continuing Education is pleased to offer **Bear Safety & Wildlife Awareness** training with Gerry Redmond as instructor. The course date is Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019. 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 woodlands or waterways will benefit from the safety knowledge presented during this course. Bears, coyotes, moose, 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 excellent 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 506-458-0649.



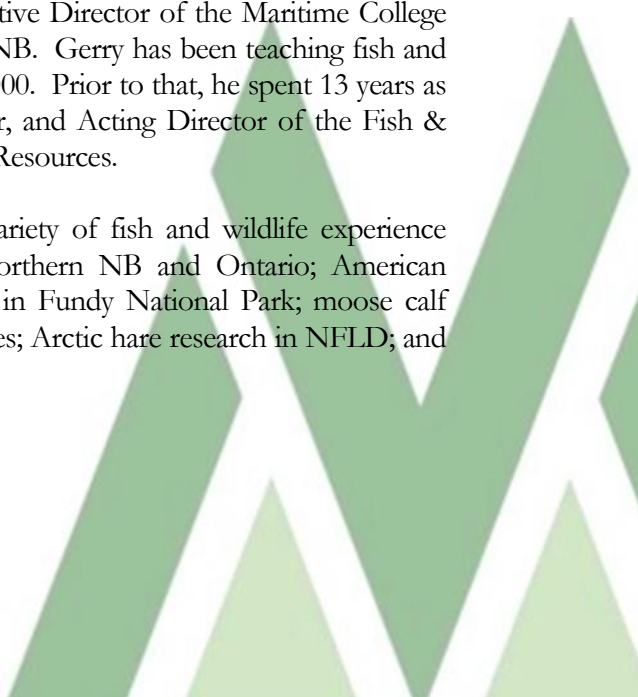
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- DATE:** Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019
- LOCATION:** RM 230, Blenis Hall, Maritime College of Forest Technology, Fredericton NB.
- OBJECTIVES:** This program is designed to help participants:
- Understand the dangers that exist in and around woodlands with respect to bears, coyotes, moose, and wildlife diseases.
  - Demonstrate and practice the procedures to help avoid contact with bears, coyotes, moose, and other wildlife.
  - Show and demonstrate appropriate safety actions to take when confronted by bears, coyotes, moose, or other wildlife.
  - Learn about human health concerns – Parasites, Rabies, Hantavirus, Lyme Disease, Giardia [beaver fever], Ticks, Tularemia, Raccoon worms, West Nile Virus.
- 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, moose, and coyotes live. This is often closer to cities and rural communities than one normally realizes.
- FORMAT:** **Bear Safety & Wildlife Awareness** 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 Executive Director of the Maritime College of Forest Technology (MCFT), Fredericton NB. Gerry has been teaching fish and wildlife courses at MCFT 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.
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**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:**

MCFT has a room rental agreement in place with the Fredericton Inn. Please use the code **MCFT** when booking your room to get our discounted price.

**For reservations please call 1-800-561-8777.**

***Standard Single Occupancy - \$109.00/person/night + HST***

***Standard Double Occupancy - \$129.00/person/night + HST***

**MEALS:** MCFT has a full service cafeteria with a Tim Horton's kiosk. Your lunch and one nutrition break is included in your tuition.

**TUITION:** Tuition for the program including supplies is \$199.00 + HST.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:**

In 2017 we saw a significant increase in last minute cancellations and no-shows to our courses. This causes additional costs to MCFT. Being a not-for-profit organization we simply cannot afford this. In order to keep costs and tuition prices as low as possible we have implemented a strict cancellation policy. Please refer to the registration form for details.

**BEAR SAFETY & WILDLIFE AWARENESS**  
***is equivalent to 7 Continuing Forestry Education Credits.***

