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"We are working faithfully to carry on the legacy of Teddy Roosevelt in the 21st century. But we also know that we must adapt our strategies to meet the new challenges of our time. Over the last century, our population grew from about 90 million to 300 million people, and as it did, we lost more and more of our natural landscape to development. Meanwhile, a host of other factors -- from a changing climate to new sources of pollution -- have put a growing strain on our wildlife and our waters and our lands. Rising to meet these challenges is a task and an obligation, but it's one that government cannot and should not meet alone. There are roughly 1,600 privately run land trusts in this country that have protected over 10 million acres through voluntary efforts. Together, we are conserving our lands in a way that preserves the environment and protects local communities."

-- Barrack Obama (b. 1961) 44th U.S. President 2008-present - at America's Great Outdoors Conference, April 16, 2010 --

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MLTC News

1) **HELP US FIND A VENUE FOR OUR 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!**

As you know, we had to reschedule the Coalition's 20th Anniversary Celebration and Awards Dinner to this fall. We're looking for suggestions for places to hold it on a Saturday evening in late Sept., Oct., or early Nov. Here are the requirements:

- * Dinner buffet for up to 250 people
- * Cheap! We're really trying to keep this affordable for rank-and-file land trusters
- * Fun! We want a party, not a program!
- * Fairly near the Mass. Turnpike (I-90) and the junctions with either I-495 or I-95/Rte 128

Be creative! Schools (we're talking to Bentley and Brandeis), private clubs (like the Hudson Portuguese Club, which is booked on all our dates), museums/gardens, etc (tower Hill is too small, for example), unusual (Wachusett Mtn. ski area is booked and tough for some folks to get to). We've already checked most of the hotel facilities but would prefer to avoid them (too institutional). Please send suggestions to Kathy McGrath at kmcgrath@massland.org

News

2) **IRS RESCINDS TERMINATION OF TAX EXEMPT STATUS FOR SMALL FILERS**

IRS Commissioner Doug Shulman issued a statement rescinding the automatic termination of tax exempt status for small charities that missed the filing deadline last month. Here are his comments:

"Now that the May 17 filing deadline has passed, it appears that many small tax-exempt organizations have not filed the required information return in time. These organizations are vital to communities across the United States, and I understand their concerns about possibly losing their tax-exempt status. The IRS has conducted an unprecedented outreach effort in the tax-exempt sector on the 2006 law's new filing requirements, but many of these smaller organizations are just now learning of the May 17 deadline. I want to reassure these small organizations that the IRS will do what it can to help them avoid losing their tax-exempt status. The IRS will be providing additional guidance in the near future on how it will help these organizations maintain their important tax-exempt status - even if they missed the May 17 deadline. The guidance will offer relief to these small organizations and provide them with the opportunity to keep their critical tax-exempt status intact. **So I urge these organizations to go ahead and file - even though the May 17 deadline has passed.** Filing a tax return for the small organizations is easier than you'd think. It just takes a few minutes to fill out the electronic notice Form 990-N (e-Postcard). This is available for small tax-exempt organizations with annual receipts of \$25,000 or less. For the e-Postcard and further details, see Annual Electronic Filing Requirement for Small Exempt Organizations, Form 990-N (e-Postcard) <http://www.irs.gov/charities/article/0,,id=169250,00.html>."

3) **ENVIRONMENTAL BUDGET UPDATE**

Environmental Budget

- from Environmental League of Massachusetts Bulletin

Budget conferees are still trying to reconcile the Senate and the House budgets. We delivered a letter to the conferees urging support for the higher funding amount for our priority line-items where the two budgets differed (state and urban parks, DEP administration, DCR stormwater program, DCR dam program and a permanent waiver of administrative costs for the Natural Heritage Program). We hear that the conferees would like to finish their work by the end of the week. However, with the state still unsure about Federal Medicaid funding, it is unclear how we will fare. If this funding does not come through, Governor Patrick has

recommended an across the board 3.6% cut (except for local aid and education). This would mean another approximately \$6.3 million reduction in the environmental budget, so we hope the federal funds come through.

Legislative Update 6/1/2010:

- from Mass Audubon Beacon Hill Weekly Roundup

The Senate took up amendments to the budget last week and we have some good news. First, Senator Brewer's amendment which would permanently waive the administrative charge for the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program was adopted. NHESP has not been receiving any appropriations from the general fund so they rely on grants, fees and the state income tax check-off. However, of the funds that come into the program, the state was taking 36% (!) as a standard administrative charge. These funds will now stay with the Program - all the more important given that the NHESP line-item has not been restored in the budget. This was a unanimous roll call vote. Hats off to Jen Ryan at Mass Audubon in particular for her great work on this with help from Steve Long at The Nature Conservancy.

Relative to the final FY2010 state budget, the Senate budget cuts funding for the Department of Environmental Protection by about \$6.3 million, and cuts the Department of Conservation and Recreation's by about \$10 million. We will now need to make sure that the higher funding levels for DEP and DCR in the Senate budget along with these changes are adopted in conference committee and that the higher funding levels for Office of Dam Safety and DCR Stormwater Management that are included in the House budget are also adopted.

We will continue to keep you posted on funding changes as the budget heads to conference committee.

4) MASS. HOUSE PASSES OHV BILL!

The Massachusetts House of Representatives passed priority legislation addressing long-standing environmental and child safety concerns regarding Off Highway Vehicles (OHVs), which includes all terrain vehicles, snowmobiles, and dirt bikes. The bill passed the Senate earlier this year. The House and Senate versions are slightly different, and the bills may either go to conference committee for reconciliation before being signed into law or the Senate may accept the House version, sending it to Governor Patrick's desk for his signature.

In summary, the legislation will:

- * Require registration for most OHVs
- * Prohibit children under 14 from riding OHVs unless in a race, rally, or event.
- * Expand law enforcement capacity to enforce OHV laws and regulations.
- * Increases fines and penalties for OHV offenses, including trespassing.
- * Shares penalty revenue with municipal and state enforcement officials.
- * Shares revenue with public OHV trail acquisition and maintenance.
- * Establish an OHV Advisory Group similar to those in other states that will include riders, land managers, conservation groups and enforcement agencies.

With over 300 miles of illegal, environmentally destructive OHV trails on Department of Fish and Game lands, over 80% of Department of Conservation and Recreation park managers reporting illegal OHV use on their properties, and similar complaints from the hunting and fishing community, land trusts, parks groups, water supply land managers, municipal officials, and utilities, this much-needed bill will give law enforcement officers the tools they need to curb illegal, dangerous, and destructive OHV use. The bill reflects many of the Department of Conservation and Recreation OHV Working Group Recommendations

<http://www.mass.gov/dcr/recreate/ohv/ohvworkgroup.htm>

The new law will likely take effect in January. We'll keep you posted as the OHV legislation takes the final few steps to the Governor's desk. This has been a team effort across the conservation community and with the Department of Conservation and Recreation. Thank you for your advocacy on this important issue!

5) MANOMET STUDY RELEASED ON WOODY BIOMASS ENERGY IN MASS.

Manomet Center for Conservation Science (www.manomet.org) and its partners have released the results of a six-month study to better understand the implications of using wood for energy in Massachusetts, titled "Biomass Sustainability and Carbon Policy Study." The study was conducted for the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources. The full report, or its component chapters, can be downloaded at <http://www.manomet.org/node/322>.

From The Boston Globe - June 11, 2010

Bay State rethinking wood power; Worse for climate than coal, study says

By Beth Daley, Globe Staff

Burning wood to generate electricity can be worse for global warming than burning coal, according to a Massachusetts-sponsored study released yesterday. That surprising conclusion immediately prompted state officials to reconsider substantial financial incentives provided to wood-burning plants. The six-month study by the Manomet Center for Conservation Sciences in Plymouth comes amid controversy over the proposed construction of two large wood-burning power plants in Western Massachusetts.

"These findings have broad implications for clean energy and the environment in Massachusetts and beyond," said Ian Bowles, state secretary of energy and environmental affairs.

Wood burning has been promoted as a "green" energy source because growing forests can absorb the same amount of greenhouse gases that are emitted from burning wood, essentially canceling out the pollutants. But the Manomet study shows that wood burning releases more heat-trapping carbon dioxide into the atmosphere per unit of energy than oil, coal, or natural gas. What's more, that increase in greenhouse gases can take a far longer time for forests to absorb than previously thought - a generation or more in many cases. If a wood-burning power plant replaces a coal-fired one, it can take about 20 years before any net benefits are realized. It can take more than 90 years if a wood-burning plant replaces a natural gas plant.

The study has important implications for policy as President Obama aims to lower US greenhouse gas emissions some 80 percent by 2050 to avoid the most serious consequences of man-made climate change. Wood is projected to be one of the fastest-growing sources of renewable energy in the next decade, but if the benefits take too long to appear, policy makers under urgent deadlines may choose not to embrace it.

Advocates of wood burning said that they had not had time to read the full study but that burning wood is renewable and has been viewed as such for years. "This industry, which has been around for 30 years, takes forest byproducts and combusts them in a way that is carbon neutral," said Bob Cleaves, president of the Biomass Power Association, a national industry group based in Maine.

Matt Wolfe of Madera Energy Inc., which is proposing a wood-burning power plant in Greenfield, said the study incorrectly assumes whole trees would be cut to fuel the power plants. Rather, he said, most wood for his plant would come from tree tops and branches left over from logging operations or from storm damage, land clearing for new development, or tree-trimming operations. "The study is not representative on how we plan to operate," he said.

The Manomet Center analysis, however, concludes that there is only a small amount of such leftover wood, and that whole trees will have to be taken to fuel Massachusetts wood-burning power plants. The study indicates wood burning still may make sense in certain cases. For example, heating buildings with wood is more efficient than wood-burning power plants, and it can start helping the environment by reducing greenhouse gas emissions in as little as five years.

Wood-burning's environmental benefits can vary significantly, depending on the type of wood or piece of tree being burned, what kind of fossil fuel it is replacing, what type of energy it is producing, and how people manage forests, according to Tom Walker, the study team leader. Many, but not all, types of wood burning create a "carbon debt" that growing forests gradually repay by reabsorbing gases before a "carbon dividend" begins.

Massachusetts has offered financial incentives for wood-burning power plants since 2002, considering them to be part of a portfolio of renewable power along with wind and solar. By 2020, state electricity suppliers will be required to get 15 percent of their energy from such green sources. Without the credits, wood burning is not competitive with more traditional forms of energy.

Read the rest of this article here:

http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2010/06/11/bay_state_rethinking_wood_power/?page=full

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6) ZONING BILL RELEASED BY COMMITTEE

--from Zoning Reform Working Group, by Jim O'Connell, Chair

(Editor's Note: The Massachusetts Land Trust Coalition does not have a position on this particular legislation. But Zoning Reform is crucially important to promoting land protection in Massachusetts)

There is important news to report about zoning reform in the Massachusetts state legislature. The Joint Legislative Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government has reported out a zoning reform bill - the Comprehensive Land Use Reform and Partnership Act (CLURPA). The Zoning Reform Working Group has been promoting zoning reform legislation for the past decade, and, finally, a bill has been reported out of committee and can be voted on by the full legislature.

The Joint Legislative Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, chaired by Senator James Eldridge and State Representative Paul Donato, has shaped CLURPA from elements of the Community Planning Act (CPA-2), proposed by the Zoning Reform Working Group, and the Land Use Partnership Act (LUPA), developed by the State Zoning Reform Task Force, which was chaired by Department of Housing & Economic Development Secretary Gregory Bialecki.

The bill makes significant changes to Chapter 40A (Zoning Act), Section 81D of Chapter 41 (the master plan), and portions of Chapter 41 (Subdivision Control Law). In addition, CLURPA creates a new statute, Chapter 40U, which provides additional powers to municipalities that "opt-in" to specific performance standards consistent with the state's sustainable development principles.

The Comprehensive Land Use Reform and Partnership Act provides a significant advance over the existing state of zoning and planning law in Massachusetts. The CLURPA bill:

- * provides a clear and readable statute that can be easily understood by all parties;
- * provides significant zoning reform benefits to all communities, including the areas of grandfathering, Approval Not Required (ANR) subdivisions, and impact fees;
- * promotes master planning as a basis for consistent zoning and permitting;
- * provides planning incentives for communities to adopt the state's sustainable design principles.

There are three documents you can review for more detailed information - 1) the Comprehensive Land Use Reform and Partnership Act (available at <http://www.massmunilaw.org/pdf/CLURPA.txt.pdf>); 2) the highlights of CLURPA (available at <http://www.massmunilaw.org/pdf/CLURPAsum.pdf>); 3) and a summary table (available at <http://www.massmunilaw.org/pdf/CLURPAsum.pdf>). Please read, discuss, and provide feedback on the bill. You should find that it includes reforms sought by all parties interested in zoning reform, from

municipal officials and planners to housing advocates and environmentalists to developers and property owners. This information is also available through a link found on the www.massmunilaw.org website.

We are working with legislative sponsors to promote the bill's passage either this session or the next. The legislative session ends on July 31, 2010, so it is possible that the bill could reach a vote this session. Ultimately, we hope zoning reform advocates will discuss this bill with their legislators, other officials, and members of the public. We will be in contact about future developments related to zoning reform legislation. Thank you for your interest in this important subject.

Yours,
Jim O'Connell, Chair
Zoning Reform Working Group

Wildlife News

7) JUNE IS TURTLE MONTH

--from MassWildlife News, 6/1/10

June is the month when normally aquatic snapping, painted, spotted, red-bellied, Blanding's and other turtles leave the relative safety of their water world and venture overland in search of nesting sites. With alarming frequency, these ancient reptiles are cut off from traditional nesting areas by an ever increasing network of roads, leaving the turtles vulnerable to high rates of road-kill.

Dubbed the "Killing Grid" by herpetologists studying the dilemma, roads take a terrible toll on female turtles that normally offset low reproductive success rates with long reproductive life spans. Cutting short adult life spans limits recruitment of young turtles in the wild and can ultimately result in the complete loss of local turtle populations. To add to the crisis, roads bring increasing development which translates into loss of nesting habitat and additional losses of turtles and turtle nests to people, and predators associated with human residential areas such as skunks, foxes and raccoons.

The solution? On a landscape scale, large tracts of habitat need to be protected to ensure the viability of Massachusetts' native turtles. The BioMap and Living Waters, created by MassWildlife's Natural Heritage Program, identifies such tracts and superimposes them on a statewide map creating a "greenprint" for the conservation of biodiversity. State, local and private conservation agencies and organizations use the BioMap and Living Waters maps to guide their habitat protection efforts. Currently, a major effort to update these maps is underway with completion planned for this fall. For more details go to:

<http://www.mass.gov/dfwele/dfw/nhosp/land_protection/biomap/biomap_home.htm> Sustainable forest management practices on public and private lands also helps to insure that care is taken to conserve rare species during the planning and implementation of timber sales. Forestry conservation management practices for turtles and other rare species are posted on the web at:

<http://www.mass.gov/dfwele/dfw/nhosp/regulatory_review/forestry/forestry_cmp.htm>.

On an individual level, citizens can assist turtles moving to and from nesting areas by helping them to cross roadways. While this Samaritan act should never be attempted if any human risk is involved, a successful road crossing can make the difference between nesting now and well into the future, versus no nesting at all. **Always** remember to help a turtle only when safe to do so and **always** move the turtle in the direction it is heading. **Do not** take any turtles to another location or a pond! Snappers may be safely held with one hand on the tail and another hand slid under the turtle to support its weight. Picking them up only by the tail can damage their spine. Painted, spotted and other turtle species can be safely grasped by the sides of the shell. For more useful turtle conservation tips and Turtle FAQs, go to

<http://www.mass.gov/dfwele/dfw/nhosp/conservation/herps/turtle_tips.htm>. Encounters with rare state-

protected turtles should be reported to MassWildlife with photo and map documentation. To report a rare turtle species visit <http://www.mass.gov/dfwele/dfw/nhESP/species_info/report_rare_species.htm>.

Events

8) GUBERNATORIAL FORUM ON ENVIRONMENT - TUES. JUNE 29!

Gubernatorial Forum on Energy and the Environment
Tuesday June 29th, 6 to 8 p.m.
Old South Meeting House 310 Washington Street Boston

The outcome of this November's gubernatorial election may have profound effects on the Massachusetts environment, due to the obvious importance of the state environmental agencies under the governor's control. ELM and other environmental organizations are planning a gubernatorial forum for June 29th to ask the candidates about their views on environmental issues. Governor Patrick and Green party candidate Jill Stein have already confirmed, and we are in communications with the other candidates. This will be a fascinating event in an historic setting.

This is a free event, but seating is limited so RSVP to: smoser@environmentalleague.org

Sponsored by (partial list): Environmental League of Massachusetts, Massachusetts Land Trust Coalition, Mass Audubon, Conservation Law Foundation, Charles River Watershed Association, Appalachian Mountain Club, Clean Water Action, Mass League of Environmental Voters, Environmental Business Council, The Trustees of Reservations.

9) ELM'S YOUNG ENVIRONMENTALIST LUNCHEES & PROGRAMS

- From Eugenia Gibbons, Environmental League of Massachusetts (ELM)

Summer is upon us and that can mean only one thing...It's time for the summer sessions of ELM's Young Environmentalist Program!!!

Last fall ELM piloted a program for "Young Environmentalists". We invited a small group of interns and younger staff from fellow nonprofits...we fed them pizza and policy...we took them to the State House to meet legislators, over to EEA to meet decision makers, and we introduced them to Beth Daley at the Globe who talked about how to make news. Essentially, we gave them a quick primer on the politics and policy of the environmental movement. It's fun...and it's FREE!

We are excited to be running this program once more and are turning to you to send us your best and brightest junior staffers and interns for more politics and pizza!

The goal of the Young Environmentalist Program is to provide an open, interactive, engaging forum for young professionals to learn about issues of environmental policy, advocacy, and the role of government and media in the decision-making process. Participants include students from local universities, as well as interns and younger staff from our sister organizations. This is a great chance to get a behind-the-scenes look at policy making and implementation, as well as a unique opportunity to connect with peers and colleagues from other organizations.

June 23rd: Building a Campaign
June 30th: Role of the Legislature
July 7th: Role of the Executive Branch
July 14th: Role of the Media

So please, if you have interns or younger staff who are interested in delving into the real world of government, politics and environmental advocacy, send them! All are welcome! RSVP's are required. All sessions are held at the ELM Offices at 14 Beacon Street, Suite 714 from 12:00 - 1:30. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

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Training

10) REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR LTA RALLY 2010 IN HARTFORD

The National Land Conservation Conference
October 2-5, 2010
Connecticut Convention Center
Hartford, Connecticut

Register at: <<http://www.landtrustalliance.org/learning/rally/registration>>

Download the Rally 2010 brochure at:

<<http://www.landtrustalliance.org/learning/rally/documents/rally2010brochure>>

More details about Rally can be found at: <<http://www.landtrustalliance.org/learning/rally/rally-details-1>>

Resources

11) TRY OUT NEWFS' ONLINE WOODY PLANT IDENTIFIER

The latest release of the New England Wild Flower Society's (NEWFS) electronic key to the native and naturalized woody plants of New England is now available for testing. The *Plant Identifier New England (PINE)* Woody Plants is a prototype for a complete electronic flora of New England, which is based on the upcoming field manual to the region being prepared by our Research Botanist, Arthur Haines. Take PINE out for a spin and please be sure to fill out the online survey located on the website. Your comments will help us produce the best identification tool possible. Click here to access PINE. Thank you!

To test-drive PINE:

<http://flora.newenglandwild.org:8080/>

12) MASS. RECREATIONAL USE STATUTE AND THE PRIVATE LANDOWNER

--from the National Park Service Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance

Communities and trail groups are working hard to create a system of trails for recreation, health, and commuting. Issues arise when the optimal or only route for a trail crosses privately owned land. Trail users are highly appreciative of landowners allowing trail use on their land. They want to work with landowners to assure the best experience for both groups. Many landowners are willing to allow people to pass through their property, enjoying the pleasant scenery, but they can have some valid concerns. The foremost questions the private landowner asks: "What risks do I as a landowner face when allowing access through my property?" "Can I as a landowner be held liable if a person using a trail is injured on my land?"

The Massachusetts legislature has enacted a "Recreational Use Statute" to encourage owners and managers to allow public access for recreation use on their lands. Landowners can be any of the following - owner, tenant, lessee, occupant, or person in control of the premises. The Statute defends both private and public land managers. Land can include physical land, roadways, water, watercourses, structures, buildings, machinery or equipment attached to the land.

Landowners are not required to keep their premises safe or to warn visitors of hazardous conditions, structures, or activities on their property. However, landowners cannot deliberately endanger people who enter for recreational purposes. People entering and using privately owned lands for recreational purposes are responsible for exercising due care in their use of the land. This liability protection is not valid if the landowner collects fees or rent for the use of the land.

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Read more of the NPS brochure at:

<<http://www.nps.gov/nrcr/programs/rta/helpfultools/recusebrochures/massachusettsreliabbrochure.pdf>>

Read more about this issue in an article by Irene Del Bono, "Recreational Use Shields Owners from Liability," available in the MLTC Online Library at <http://www.massland.org/files/RecUseLiabilityRevised.pdf>

13) REAL ESTATE TAXES ON CONSERVATION RESTRICTIONS

--From MLTC Listserv and Irene Del Bono, EOEEA

What information can be given to assessors who do not take into account a reduced value for conservation restrictions? Here is a link to a Department of Revenue opinion about restrictions and how they are to be treated <http://www.mass.gov/Ador/docs/dls/mflb/opinions/2005_87.pdf>. Also, below is a copy of a DOR response to a question as to valuation of restrictions, which gives the reason why no set formula for reduction in taxes can be arrived at, but which does use mandatory language (underlined) stating the assessors are required to take the restriction into account. Some of you may want to keep this information for future reference.

Date: Thu, 25 Feb 2010 11:29:13 -0500

From: DOR DLS Law <dlslaw@dor.state.ma.us>

... Apparently, an owner of 253 acres of land classified under G.L. c. 61 is considering placing a conservation restriction on his property and he has asked you whether he may still get the benefits of a reduced valuation as he now has in G.L. c. 61. While a conservation restriction must be taken into consideration in determining the full and fair cash value of a parcel of land and may likely produce a significant reduction in value, such reduction may not be the same as would be provided under G.L. c. 61. This is because many variables come into play when determining the value of land limited in use by a conservation restriction. In a letter opinion (Our File No. 2000-463) regarding the valuation of land subject to a conservation restriction, we explained the considerations as follows"

"As you know, property is valued for local tax purposes at its fair cash valuation (also referred to as full and fair cash valuation). G.L. Ch. 59 §38. This means "fair market value, which is the price an owner willing but not under compulsion to sell ought to receive from one willing but not under compulsion to buy. It means the highest price that a normal purchaser not under peculiar compulsion will pay at the time ... The fair cash value is the value the property would have on January first of any taxable in the hands of any owner, including the present owner." (Emphasis added). Boston Gas Co. v. Assessors of Boston, 334 Mass. 549, 566 (1956)...

Read the rest of this letter in the MLTC Online Library at:

<<http://www.massland.org/files/MassDORonValuationofCRs.pdf>>

14) NEW RELEASE: TRACKS & SIGNS OF INSECTS AND OTHER INVERTEBRATES

Tracks & Sign of Insects and Other Invertebrates, by Charley Eiseman and Noah Charney has been released. It is a field guide to egg cases, cocoons, webs, nests, leaf mines, galls, burrows, wood borings, and other curiosities left behind by insects, spiders, snails, worms, etc. as they go about their lives.

Get a copy here: http://www.northernnaturalists.com/invert_tracks.html

15) TECHSOUP OFFERS MS OFFICE 2010, CREATIVE SUITE 5

Microsoft Office 2010 Is Here:

http://home.techsoup.org/Pages/MicrosoftOffice2010.aspx?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=btc

Microsoft Office 2010 is now in stock at TechSoup. The latest edition of the popular productivity software features upgrades for collaboration among multiple users and improvement of your organization's workflow. Eligible organizations can request Office Professional Plus 2010 (Admin Fee: \$31) or Office Standard 2010 (Admin Fee: \$24) and when requesting media at checkout, you can get versions for either 32-bit or 64-bit systems.

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TechSoup Catalog and eligibility requirements here:

http://www.techsoup.org/stock/default.asp?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=btc

16) STOP THE JUNK MAIL WITH CATALOG CHOICE!

From the Editor:

Catalog Choice is a free service that allows you to decide what gets in your mailbox. I use it to reduce mailbox clutter, while helping save natural resources. The mission of Catalog Choice is to reduce the number of unwanted mailings, and to promote the adoption of sustainable best practices for companies. If 'going paperless' interests you, join me in using their free service.

You can use it to reduce or eliminate unwanted catalogs, phonebooks, credit card solicitations, and direct mail through their easy-to-use web-based service.

"Catalog Choice is a non-profit corporation based in Berkeley, California. We have worked in collaboration with The Ecology Center, National Wildlife Federation and the Natural Resources Defense Council. We are funded through tax-deductible donations, grants from the Overbrook Foundation, the Merck Family Fund, Kendeda Fund, Weeden Foundation, Mead Foundation, Goldman Fund, and Johnson Family Foundation. We supplement our tax deductible funding with services to companies that promote paperless communication and marketing programs. Catalog Choice is a non-profit and will never sell or rent your email address."

<http://www.catalogchoice.org>

17) FIND LOCAL FOOD WITH MASS. DAR GOOGLE MAP!

Looking for farmers' markets, fairs, CSAs, farmstands, nurseries, "pick-your-own", farm-stay B&Bs? Want local flowers, fruit, meats, cheese, berries, wood products or milk? Check out the new "MassGrown Map" at <http://www.mass.gov/agr/massgrown/map.htm> on the new MassGrown & Fresher website (www.mass.gov/massgrown).

Miscellany

18) MASSWILDLIFE PHOTO CONTEST

--from MassWildlife News, 6/1/10

Have you taken a beautiful photo of a coyote in your back yard? Caught a magnificent eagle on the wing? Snapped an image of a colorful spider wrapping up its dinner or the first bloom of a gorgeous wild orchid? Have you captured the perfect sunrise from a Cape Cod beach - or the perfect sunset from a Berkshire mountain? How about the ear-splitting smile of a child with a first fish - or Mom paddling a kayak for the first time? We want to see what you've got! For the first time ever, *Massachusetts Wildlife* will devote an issue to a public photography competition, the 2010 Massachusetts Wildlife Photo Contest. Other than bragging rights, prizes are modest: a free, 2- year subscription to the magazine for the first-place winners in each category; and an award citation and four copies of the #4, 2010 issue of *Massachusetts Wildlife* for all first-, second-, and third-place winners.

The photo contest is open to amateur photographers who may submit up to ten images. Photos must be taken in Massachusetts. There are eight entry categories: flora, scenic, outdoor activities, invertebrates, fish, herps (reptiles and amphibians), birds and mammals. Deadline for entry submission is **September 1, 2010**. More details about the contest and an entry form can be found at http://www.mass.gov/dfwele/dfw/publications/mwmag/mwmag_home.htm.

19) HELP MASSWILDLIFE COUNT TURKEY FAMILIES

--from MassWildlife News, 6/1/10

Sportsmen and -women, birders, landowners and other wildlife enthusiasts are encouraged to assist the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (DFW) to count turkey families this summer. DFW conducts an annual wild turkey brood survey from June through August. "The brood survey serves as a long term index on reproduction," explains Dave Scarpitti, Turkey Project Leader. "It helps us determine productivity and allows us to compare long-term reproductive success." Scarpitti also points out that citizen involvement in this survey is a cost-effective means of gathering useful data, and he encourages all interested people to participate. A turkey brood survey form http://www.mass.gov/dfwele/dfw/wildlife/facts/birds/turkey/turkey_brood_survey.htm has been posted on the website at http://www.mass.gov/dfwele/dfw/wildlife/facts/birds/turkey/turkey_home.htm. Information needed includes date, town, number of hens seen, and number of poults (young turkeys) and their relative size compared to the hens. Multiple sightings of the same brood should also be noted. The survey period runs from June 1 - August 31. Completed forms should be mailed to the MassWildlife Westborough Field Headquarters, 1 Rabbit Hill Rd, Westborough, MA 01581. The last few years of survey information is posted in the Wild Turkey area of the website at http://www.mass.gov/dfwele/dfw/wildlife/facts/birds/turkey/turkey_brood_survey.htm.

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20) LES LINE, EDITOR OF AUDUBON MAGAZINE DURING AMBITIOUS EXPANSION

--from The New York Times 5/30/2010, by Douglas Martin

Les Line, who as editor of the magazine of the National Audubon Society for 25 years expanded its mission beyond birds and beasts to environmental issues like oil spills, died on May 23 in Sharon, Conn. He was 74.

The cause was heart failure, his wife, Lois, said.

In Mr. Line's time as editor, from 1966 to 1991, the circulation of the magazine, Audubon, increased by 14 times, to almost 500,000, as membership in the society grew. He won particular praise for sprucing up its visual appeal, adding color and clarity to its photography.

Roger Tory Peterson, the distinguished ornithologist, wrote in an essay in 1974 that Mr. Line had made Audubon "the most beautiful natural history magazine." He added, "Many people are now calling it the most beautiful magazine of *any sort* in the English language."

Mr. Line favored hard-hitting articles. In 1977, Audubon won a National Magazine Award for an article about a mix-up in cattle feed that killed 22,000 dairy cows and 1.6 million chickens.

On hearing that the tanker Exxon Valdez had run aground in Prince William Sound in March 1989 and was spilling millions of gallons of oil, Mr. Line phoned a favorite contributor and told him to catch the first plane to Alaska and write his heart out. Twelve years earlier, Mr. Line printed an article warning that shipping oil by tankers through the sound was "a dangerous experiment."

Read the rest of this New York Times article at:

<<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/05/31/business/media/31line.html?emc=eta1>>

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