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IFW NEWS -- Apply Now For The 2017 Maine Moose Lottery

AUGUSTA, Maine – Hunters who dream about the hunt of a lifetime will be happy to know that the 2017 Maine moose permit lottery application process is now open.

The online application process is fast and simple and you receive instant confirmation that you have successfully entered the lottery. To apply, please visit www.mefishwildlife.com. The deadline for online applications is 11:59 p.m. on May 15, 2017.

Applicants are awarded bonus points for each consecutive year that they have applied for the lottery since 1998 without being selected and each bonus point gives the applicant an additional chance in the drawing.

Bonus points are earned at the rate of one per year for years one to five, two per year for years six to 10, three per year for years 11 to 15 and 10 per year for years 16 and beyond. Since 2011, applicants can skip a year and not lose their bonus points. So if they applied in 2015 but not in 2016, they still have their points available if they apply in 2017. The moose permit drawing will take place on June 17, 2017 at Caribou Parks and Recreation. For more information about moose hunting in Maine and the moose permit lottery, please visit: http://www.maine.gov/ifw/licenses_permits/lotteries/moose/index.htm

AARP and CA\$H Free Income Tax Preparation

AARP and CA\$H provide free tax preparation to eligible individuals statewide. To find a free tax preparation event near you, dial 2-1-1. A trained Call Specialist will provide contact information. You can also visit the websites in this article or find tax preparation sites by searching in the [2-1-1 Maine Resource Directory](#) on the 2-1-1 Maine homepage.

AARP - AARP provides confidential free tax preparation, answers tax questions, and files electronic forms; help is available for those who qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit; sites are operational through April 15; arrangements can be made to assist homebound disabled persons.

Visit [AARP Tax-Aide Locator](#) to find a tax preparation site nearest to your

location. Consumers can search the Tax-Aide Locator by address or county. The name of the site, address, phone number, site schedule, handicap access, information on making an appointment, and other pertinent information is included in the search results.

CA\$H - Prepare and file your federal and state income taxes for free. Save your hard earned money this year by filing your incomes taxes at a CA\$H Maine free tax preparation site or file for free online.

CA\$H Maine is a collaboration of statewide coalitions to help low and moderate income Mainers find ways to make the most of their money. CA\$H Maine offers free tax preparation to qualified individuals and families during the tax season, as well as information about free and low-cost money saving resources, including funding higher education for you or your children.

You can also file for free online. Go to myfreetaxes.com. For filers earning more than \$64,000 in 2016, some fees may apply.

Unclaimed Property....DO YOU HAVE ANY?

Unclaimed property consists of money and other personal assets that are considered lost or abandoned when an owner cannot be located after a specified period of time. It includes checking accounts, certificates of deposit, overpayments, gift certificates, paid-up life insurance policies, unpaid wages, commissions, uncashed checks, death benefits, dividends, insurance payments, money orders, refunds, savings accounts, stocks, and contents of safe deposit boxes. Unclaimed Property does not include real estate, animals, or vehicles.

Millions of dollars are turned over annually to the State of Maine by entities who cannot locate the owners. There is no fee charged to process your property claim.

To search for unclaimed property, please visit [Unclaimed Property Search and Claim](#). If you find your name on the list, you can make a claim right there by filing online or you may print a [claim form](#) and mail it to Office of the Maine State Treasurer, Attn: Unclaimed Property, 39 State House Station, Augusta ME 04333-0039. Some claims may take up to 90 days to process. Claims involving stocks or mutual funds may take considerably longer.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the Maine State Treasurer at [\(207\) 624-7470](tel:207-624-7470) or send an e-mail to up.generalinquire@maine.gov.

Governor LePage Praises Sappi \$165M Investment, Encourages Lawmakers to Lower Energy Prices

AUGUSTA – Governor Paul R. LePage released the following statement today regarding the announcement that Sappi Limited will invest \$165 million at its Skowhegan mill:

“This significant investment is welcome and demonstrates the commitment Sappi has to Maine,” said Governor LePage. “Sappi is capitalizing on an opportunity in the packaging market. Our paper mills are not dead, but they do need to reinvent themselves. Sappi has identified new markets and technologies that will ensure the company continues to make superior products and employ Mainers with good paying jobs for many years.”

While this news is promising for Somerset County, the Governor continues to encourage legislators to turn their attention to the rising energy costs in Maine. In the Governor’s State of the State Tuesday evening he emphasized how high energy prices have a devastating effect on the paper industry and many mill workers have been laid off as a result.

“We have slipped from 12th to the 11th highest energy prices in the Nation. When Maine businesses are forced to pay more for energy and taxes it is less money the company is able to invest in its employees with higher wages and benefits. We must encourage our economy to grow and we do that by supporting good policies that do no harm to Mainers or the environment. We can achieve a balance between the economy and environment when we pass policies focusing on the lowest cost renewable energy resources and the least effect on the environment. It’s a win-win for Maine families, businesses and our natural resources,” said Governor LePage.

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