



## The Maryland Legislative Sportsmen's Foundation

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### CONSERVATION LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMIT

December 5, 2009

Miller Senate Office Building (East Wing)  
11 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

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The non-partisan Maryland Legislative Sportsmen's Foundation is sponsoring Maryland's "first" **Conservation Law Enforcement Summit** scheduled for Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> in the East Wing of the Miller Senate Office Building. The purpose of the Summit is to address concerns expressed about Maryland's declining inland/marine law enforcement presence attributable to budgetary cutbacks during this recessionary period from varying perspectives.

#### ENVISIONED OBJECTIVES

- Define Scope of Problem
- Develop Consensus on Pursuing Statutory/Budgetary Initiatives
- Identify Entities Capable of Advancing Strategies

NOTE: It will be made clear the intent and purpose of the Conservation Law Enforcement Summit – predicated upon MLSF's March 2009 *White Paper (Maryland's Conservation Law Enforcement Dilemma: Perspective, attached)* – is to address 3 principal issues: (1) declining law enforcement workforce; (2) lack of enforcement tools; and (3) a purported complacent Judiciary.

### AGENDA

8:15 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast  
8:30 a.m. Welcome – Moderators (MLSF Chair and Vice Chair)  
Introduction of Caucus Co-Chairs (Senator Astle/Delegate Beitzel)

- 8:45 a.m. Mike Dyson, President & Bill Bates, Legislative Chair (NRP Fraternal Order of Police – Lodge 8)
- 9:30 a.m. Jim Gracie (Maryland Task Force on Fishery Management)
- 9:45 a.m. Larry Simns, President (Maryland Watermen’s Association)
- 10:00 a.m. Andy Hughes, President (CCA)
- 10:15 a.m. Break
- 10:30 a.m. The Honorable Doug Gansler (Maryland’s Attorney General)**
- 11:00 a.m. The Honorable John P. McKenna (Administrative Judge from Anne Arundel County District Court)
- 11:30 a.m. Brian Keehn (Maryland Charter Boat Association, Task Force)
- 11:45 a.m. Lunch with Questions/Answers\*
- 12:45 a.m. Closing Remarks

*\* Opportunity for individuals, groups and organizations to ask questions of all speakers.*

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NOTE: The following groups have been invited: (1) Maryland Fur Trapper’s Association; (2) Maryland Saltwater Sportfishermen’s Association; (3) Maryland Aquatic Resources Coalition; (4) Coastal Conservation Association; (5) Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation; (6) Maryland Bass Federation Nation; (7) Federation of Fly Fishermen, Mid-Atlantic Council; (8) Trout Unlimited, Mid-Atlantic Council; (9) Maryland Guides Association; (10) Maryland Outfitters and Guides Association; and (11) Maryland Charter Boat Association; (12) Ducks Unlimited; (13) League of Conservation Voters; (14) Chesapeake Bay Foundation; (15) Maryland Bow Hunter’s Society; (16) Maryland Waterfowler’s Association; (17) *Farmers & Hunters Feeding the Hungry*; and (18) Marine Trades Association.

In addition, Members of the Maryland Legislative Sportsmen’s Caucus within the Maryland General Assembly will be in attendance along with law enforcement officials and others within the Executive Branch of Maryland State Government.

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**The non-partisan Maryland Legislative Sportsmen’s Foundation – in partnership with the bi-partisan Maryland Legislative Sportsmen’s Caucus within the Maryland General Assembly – works on behalf of current and future generations of Maryland Sportsmen not only by helping to conserve, promote and protect Maryland’s coveted open space lands, wildlife and habitat, but also by safeguarding their traditional rights to hunt, fish, trap and enjoy the lawful use of their firearms. MLSF is a 501 (c) non-profit organization.**

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