

Prince Albert Model Forest Association Inc.



Prince Albert Model Forest Involved in Plan to Increase Moose Populations in Cumberland Delta



The partners of the Prince Albert Model Forest with the Cumberland Delta Moose Management Committee are developing a plan to restore moose habitat in the delta. Moose are an important source of sustenance for many people in East-Central Saskatchewan's Cumberland Delta but moose populations and habitat has been declining there over the past two decades.

Initial discussions on moose management commenced between Saskatchewan Environment and the Cumberland House Co-management Board. To address the problem of this declining species, the Cumberland House Cree Nation, Red Earth First Nation and Shoal Lake Cree Nation, were brought in to begin the Moose Management Committee. Manitoba Conservation and Opaskwayak Cree Nation joined to make this an inter-provincial effort. Other interested groups have since become involved, including Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation, the Saskatchewan Outfitters Association, the Saskatchewan Trappers Association, Prince Albert Grand Council and the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations.

The Prince Albert Model Forest has become a funding partner of the Cumberland Delta Moose Management Committee through its *Beyond Our Boundaries* program. The Model Forest has contributed to the consultations effort over the past year producing a moose management proposal. The proposal, based on research and consultations among the various groups, is focussed on improving moose habitat that will in turn encourage healthy moose populations. Further consultations and a feasibility study are still to be completed.

The *Beyond Our Boundaries* committee works to extend sustainable forest management beyond the 367,000 hectare area of the Prince Albert Model Forest. The primary goals of *Beyond Our Boundaries* are:

- To develop capacity within selected northern communities to produce sustainable socio-economic activities that will improve quality of life, culture and ecosystems; and
- To share knowledge enabling others to benefit from lessons learned locally.

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