

# LMF Works for Maine's Sportsmen

## LMF GUARANTEES PUBLIC ACCESS FOR MAINE'S SPORTSMEN

As more and more "No Trespassing" signs go up, LMF has become more important for sportsmen and women, because by law:

*"Hunting, fishing, trapping and public access may not be prohibited on land acquired with [LMF] bond proceeds, except to the extent of applicable state, local or federal laws, rules and regulations and except for working waterfront projects and farmland protection projects."*

To date, LMF has secure sportsmen and women access to more than a half million acres of Maine lands.

## LMF PROTECTS CRITICAL HABITAT FOR GAME SPECIES

Almost a decade ago, sportsmen and women worked with the Governor, legislators and members of the conservation community to change the Land for Maine's Future Program to prioritize the purchase of wildlife habitat critical to hunters and anglers, including deer wintering areas and trout spawning habitat. Past bond proposals have directed the Maine Department of IFW to:

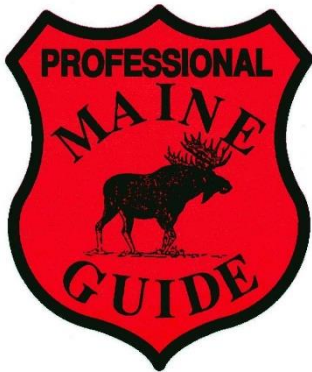
*"Take a proactive approach to pursuing land conservation projects that include conservation of priority deer wintering areas."*

In 2016, this proactive change resulted in the acquisition of Cold Stream Forest, which includes nearly 3,000 acres of deer wintering area and miles of first-class brook trout spawning habitat along with several pristine ponds in Somerset County.



## LMF SUPPORTS HARD WORKING MAINERS

Land for Maine's Future Program focuses on public access for individuals who may not have the financial means to own their own property, whether it is water access, hunting, fishing, trapping or other forms of outdoor recreation. LMF allows this segment of our society to experience the same recreational opportunities as people who do not own their own land.



***We encourage you to support an LMF Bond, because LMF works for Maine's sportsmen and women.***