



76th Annual
Northeast Fish & Wildlife Virtual Conference
April 26-28, 2021

Women in Wildlife Conservation Social - all invited to attend

Hosted by the Women in Wildlife Conservation Network

Come hang out with colleagues and meet new friends in an informal gathering hosted by the Women in Wildlife Conservation Network. Bring your favorite libation and/or snack food. We will provide the opportunity to break into small groups and have enlightening discussions or just hang out. Hope to see you there!

Mission: The mission of the Women in Wildlife Conservation Network is to empower and inspire women in the natural resources and conservation community; to provide a venue to share and learn from all genders; to help women aspire to and succeed in leadership positions; and to welcome all women into the conservation field.

AGENDA:

★ **Opening Remarks by Judy Camuso, Commissioner, Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife**

Participants will be invited to introduce themselves by entering their names into the chat box and how they are feeling today! Acknowledge the challenging time frame and recognize ongoing challenge of zoom overload.

★ **Opening Poll:** What women would you most like to have dinner with and briefly why?

Review Poll Results and Breakout Group Instructions.

★ **First Breakout:** (Ask someone to volunteer to do the report back)

Introductions and suggested topics of conversation:

- Ways to empower people to speak up when they see or experience discriminating or harassing behavior.
- Is there training or tools we can use to help intervene?
- What can we do to support each other? How can we talk more freely about these issues without alienating people?
- What actions can we take immediately as individuals to make the conservation field and this conference more inclusive? Is there something we should try to do collectively?
- What has your organization done recently to improve DEI?

★ **Return to Main Session and Report to Group**

★ **Second Breakout:** (Ask someone to volunteer to do the report back)

Introductions and suggested topics of conversation to get to know each other:

- What got you interested in wildlife/conservation? Did you have a particular role model that inspired you?
- Who inspires you most now?
- What is your life like now during COVID (working remotely, in field, children at home or at school)?
- What is your go to spot in nature (or other activity) during the pandemic? Favorite season.

★ **Return to Main Session and Report to group**

Each breakout group reports one thought from the discussion.

★ **Wrap up and Thank You for Joining!**

Check out the Women in Wildlife Blog Post by By MDIFW Commissioner Judy Camuso

<https://www1.maine.gov/wordpress/insideifw/2021/03/31/women-in-wildlife/>