



# Safari Club International Michigan Involvement Committee

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### 1) Wildlife research and conservation (see footnote #1)

**a) Inspired the Michigan moose reintroduction effort:**

Has been a major source of funding and the motivating entity for the reintroduction of moose into Michigan's Upper Peninsula by the MDNR during the winters of 1985 and 1987 via transplants of a total of 61 animals from Ontario, Canada.

**b) Provided significant funding for the following major wildlife conservation research projects undertaken by MDNR employees and subcontractors:**

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| Moose                          | from 1985 to 2004                    |
| Black Bear - Northern Michigan | from 1989 to 2008                    |
| Bobcat                         | from 1993-1998 and 2005-2006         |
| Deer southern Michigan         | from 2001 to 2005                    |
| Wolf                           | from 1996, 1998, 2004-16 and ongoing |
| Elk                            | from 2003 to 2005                    |
| Deer bovine TB                 | from 1997 to 2000                    |
| Marten                         | from 1985 and 2004-2008              |
| Deer aerial infrared counts    | during the early 1990's              |
| Predator/Prey                  | from 2007 to 2016 and ongoing        |
| Black Bear - Southern Michigan | from 2009 to 2014                    |
| Diving Ducks                   | from 2011 to 2015                    |
| Snowshoe Hare                  | from 2012 to 2014                    |
| EHD                            | from 2014 to 2015                    |
| Feral Swine                    | from 2014 to 2016                    |
| American Woodcock              | from 2016 and ongoing                |
| Mute Swan                      | from 2016 and ongoing                |

**c) Purchased and transferred the following equipment to the MDNR to further enable their employees and subcontractors to perform wildlife research projects:**

Electronic fluorescent microscope costing \$25,128 in 2002 and 2003  
Snowmobiles, ATVs, UTVs and trailers costing \$87,091 from 1995 to 2016  
Repaired deer check station trailer costing \$1,346 in 1998  
Bovine tuberculosis research trailer costing \$5,000 in 1998  
Radio transmitter collars and receivers costing \$208,257 from 1988 to 2016  
Power point presentation projector costing \$9,235 in 2000  
Capture net gun costing \$3,795 in 2002  
White-tail deer traps costing \$1,812 from 1993 to 2005  
Laptop computers for analyzing field data costing \$11,320 from 1993 to 2013  
Telemetry receivers, antennas, and headsets costing \$14,858 from 2005 to 2016  
Cameras, binoculars, GPS units and supplies costing \$28,333 from 1997 to 2015  
Electronic audio call system for Bobcat traps costing \$12,631 from 1993 to 1998  
Bear traps and trailers costing \$17,172 from 2006 to 2013

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### 1) Wildlife research and conservation (see footnote #1) – Continued

c) Purchased and transferred the following equipment to the MDNR to further enable their employees and subcontractors to perform wildlife research projects - continued:

- Wolf traps costing \$846 in 2007
- Snowshoes costing \$2,091 in 2008 and 2014
- GPS transmitting drop-off collars and supplies costing \$110,723 from 2008 - 2016
- Portable ultrasound test system costing \$19,390 in 2008 and 2009
- Weather station equipment for Predator/Prey research costing \$2,166 in 2009
- Microphone and windscreen costing \$1,900 in 2010
- Pneumatic dart gun and supplies costing \$5,356 in 2010 and 2015
- Blood sample tests costing \$6,508 in 2010 and 2011
- DNA extraction equipment and supplies costing \$2,433 in 2011
- Drying ovens and chest freezers costing \$6,221 in 2013
- Vaginal implant transmitters for Predator/Prey research costing \$11,233 in 2013 & 2016
- Wildlife feeders to enable target animal capture costing \$412 in 2015
- Wolf collars with UHF proximity transmitters costing \$1,024 in 2016
- Backwater mud motor costing \$3,900 in 2016

d) Funded development of Michigan U.P. Moose population model:

Funded moose capturing, collaring, and monitoring for developing a population model for Michigan's Upper Peninsula moose herd by donating \$70,500 from 1999 to 2003

### 2) Rewards for convicting wildlife law violators

Funded rewards and the costs of extradition totaling \$5,000 which led to the arrest and conviction of several very public and egregious wildlife law violators from 1990 to current and planned for the future

### 3) Travel assistance for MDNR employees and SCI representatives

a) Funded a 2001 trip for the MDNR Lead Veterinarian on Deer Bovine TB Eradication Team to attend a world bovine TB conference in South Africa (RSA) and to study bovine tuberculosis in Kruger National Park animals

b) Funded travel expenses for an SCI representative to participate in six Wolf Roundtable meetings across Michigan's U.P. in 2006 to help formulate a Michigan wolf management plan acceptable to Michigan's U.P. residents

c) Funded expenses for MDNR Research Manager to participate in an SCI Foundation predator/prey workshop in Portland, Oregon in 2007

d) Funded expenses for MDNR Wildlife Chief to participate in 2007 SCI Washington DC meetings with congressional leaders to help appeal for increased conservation funding in upcoming legislation

e) Funded expenses for an SCI representative who resided in the wolf area of Michigan's U.P. to travel to Lansing, MI to testify before the Michigan Senate Natural Resources Committee on two wolf bills

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### **4) Annual recognition awards**

Provided annual recognition awards to individuals employed by the MDNR and selected By MDNR management and MIC as the MDNR conservation officer of the year from 1994 to 2008 and MDNR biologist of the year from 1994 to 2016 and ongoing.

### **5) MDNR annual deer hunting success survey enhancement**

Provided incentive prizes in the form of firearms and bows to 2-3 annual recipients selected at random from among those who provide an early response to the annual MDNR mail survey questionnaire of whitetail deer hunting success, thus reducing by more than \$20,000 annually MDNR's cost of follow-up mailings to obtain a meaningful response sample size from the late 1980s to 2016 and ongoing.

### **6) Education**

#### **a) Graduate grants**

Funded grants/scholarships totaling \$135,200 to 64 students pursuing graduate degrees in wildlife related fields at Michigan based institutions of higher education since 1993 to 2016 and ongoing.

#### **b) Museum wildlife displays**

Funded wildlife displays at the Michigan State University museum from 1997 to 2000 costing \$7,500.

#### **c) Field course equipment**

Funded radio telemetry equipment for Michigan State University field course costing \$500 in 2008.

#### **d) Trappers Manual**

Funded the printing of the Michigan Trappers Manual for the Trappers Education Program costing \$500 in 2009.

#### **e) Graduate Student Symposium**

Helped to fund the 2014 Graduate Student Symposium at Michigan State University in the amount of \$500 in 2014.

#### **f) Archery equipment for MDNR Detroit Outdoor Activity Center**

Orchestrated the combining of two payments totaling \$5643 to the State of Michigan (\$5143 from MIC and \$500 from the SCI West Michigan Bow Chapter) which was then matched 3:1 with Pittman-Robertson funds by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to purchase \$22,572 of archery equipment for the Archery Room in the MDNR Outdoor Activity Center on the riverfront in downtown Detroit.

### **7) Wildlife Conferences**

Funded the hospitality for the Eastern Elk Conference in Gaylord, Michigan in 2012 costing \$700

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Footnote #1: Funds donated by SCI MIC for these major conservation research projects receive a 3:1 match of Pittman-Robertson funds from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service