



# Safari Club International Michigan Involvement Committee

## What SCI MIC has accomplished during its first 28 years:

### 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:

Moose	from 1985 to 2004
Black Bear	from 1989 to current and ongoing
Bobcat	from 1993-1998, 2005 and 2006
Deer southern Michigan	from 2001 to 2005
Wolf	from 1996, 1998, 2004-08 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 current 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, ATV's and trailers costing \$37,328 in 1995, 2003 & ongoing  
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 \$172,824 from 1988 to current  
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 \$8,612 from 1993 to current  
Telemetry receivers, antennas, and headsets costing \$5,892 from 2005 to current  
Cameras and supplies costing \$8,737 from 1997 to current and ongoing  
Electronic audio call system for Bobcat traps costing \$12,631 - 1993 to current  
Bear traps and trailers costing \$10,850 from 2006 to current and ongoing  
Wolf traps costing \$846 from 2007 to current and ongoing  
Snowshoes costing \$1,044 in 2008  
GPS transmitting drop-off collars costing \$33,830 in 2008  
Portable ultrasound test system costing \$14,365 in 2008

## **What SCI MIC has accomplished during its first 28 years: (Continued)**

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

**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 SCIF run 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 resides 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

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

Provided incentive prizes in the form of firearms and bows to three 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

### **5) 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 and MDNR biologist of the year since 1994 to current and ongoing

## **What SCI MIC has accomplished during its first 28 years: (Continued)**

### **6) Education**

**a) Graduate grants**

Funded grants/scholarships totaling \$72,000 to 26 students pursuing graduate degrees in wildlife related fields at Michigan based institutions of higher education since 1993 to current 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

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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