**NER.COFE 2022** **AGENDA**

**April 11-12, 2022**

**Jeff’s Catering, Brewer, ME**

**Day 1: Monday, April 11**

**Topic: Workforce Capacity Issues/Solutions in the Forest Products Industry**

11:30 – 12:45 **Registration/Check in**

1:00 - 1:30pm **Mechanized Operators Course-Professional Logging Contractors of Maine**

 Dana Doran, Executive Director

1:30 - 2:00pm **Workforce Shortages, Issues/Solutions-State Agency Perspective**

 Robby Gross, Chief Forest Ranger, MFS

2:00 - 2:30pm **Workforce Issues-Programs Utilized to Increase Efficiencies**

Nathan Kay, Seven Islands Land Company

2:30 - 3:00pm Break

**Topic: Forest Management & Markets Since COVID**

3:00 - 3:30pm **Forest Lands and Pressure from Additional Demands**

 Rick LaFlamme, ME IF&W

3:30 - 4:00pm **Forest Markets Update**

Eric Kingsley, INRS

4:00 - 4:30pm **New Markets for Low-Grade Forest Products**

 Shane O’Neill, Forest Industry Business Development Manager, UMaine

5:00 – 7:00pm **Social/Banquet**

4/11/2022 **“Workforce Capacity Issues/Solutions in the Forest Products Industry / Forest**

 **Management & Markets Since COVID”** has been assigned:

 **3.0 Category 1 CFE credits**

 **½ day CLP recertification credit**

**Day 2: Tuesday, April 12**

**Topic: Forest Management for Wildlife**

7:00 – 7:50am **Registration/Check in** (for those not attending on Monday)

8:00 - 8:30am **Deer Wintering Areas**

 Dan Hill, Deer Habitat Biologist ME IF&W

8:30 - 9:00am **Latest Bird Survey Update**

 Joseph Roy, Private Lands Wildlife Biologist, MEIF&W

9:00 - 9:30am **Moose/Winter Ticks**

Lee Kantar, State Moose Biologist, MEIF&W

9:30 - 10:00am **Break**

**Topic:** **Zoning, Lidar, Pests in Forestry**

10:00 - 10:30am **Shoreland Zoning – Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Procedures**

 Terri Coolong, Maine Forest Service

10:30 - 11:00am **State OGIS/Lidar – What’s Available and How to Access it**

 Dan Hayes, Dave Sandilands, UMaine

11:00 - 11:30am **Forest Pests & Diseases Update**

 Michael Parsio, Maine Forest Service

12:15 **Lunch**

A brief business meeting will follow lunch. Anyone interested in joining

 next year’s planning meeting is invited and welcome to attend.

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