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Greetings to all Connecticut Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commissions & staff,

The CACIWC Board of Directors and Annual Meeting Committee are very pleased to provide additional details on our **43rd Annual Meeting and Environmental Conference** now scheduled for Saturday, December 5, 2020. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, our 2020 meeting will be a *virtual* conference.

The CACIWC Annual Meeting Committee has scheduled informative workshops for both experienced and new conservation and inland wetlands commissioners and staff. Additional details can be found on our website <u>www.caciwc.org</u>. Individuals associated with CACIWC member commissions in good standing who register before **December 2, 2020** can still save \$30 (half-price!) off the registration fee *for each commission member or staff who register*.

Two methods are available to register for our 2020 Annual Conference: 1) You can register by completing the printed registration form and mailing it to our deKoven House address along with your check. This form is located on our website at: <u>https://www.caciwc.org/pages/annualMtg/2020/WS%2020%20Annual%20Mtg-</u> <u>Confer.%20Registration%20Form%20103020.pdf</u>

2) You may also renew and pay by credit card using our online registration form located on our website at: <u>https://caciwc.wufoo.com/forms/caciwc-annual-meeting-environmental-conference-kyt4btd0z1olo6/</u>

We also remind commissions who have not yet sent in their **CACIWC membership renewal** that it is not too late to renew their membership for our current fiscal year and qualify for the (half-price) member conference registration fee. Please note that the CACIWC Board of Directors has again decided *not* to raise membership dues for the July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021 fiscal year.

Two methods are also available for you or your commission to renew your membership: 1) You can renew your CACIWC membership the traditional way by completing and mailing the printed form to our office along with your check; this form is located at: <u>https://www.caciwc.org/library/forms/CACIWC%20Dues%20Renewal%202020-</u> 21%20062720.pdf

2) You may also renew and pay by credit card using our online registration form located on our website: <u>https://caciwc.wufoo.com/forms/caciwc-membership-form-202021/</u> Your prompt payment of your membership dues will help us fund future issues of *The Habitat*, our 43rd Annual Meeting and Environmental Conference, along with additional proposed education sessions.

Your commission's support of our membership dues has become even more critical in recent years as the costs of hosting our annual meeting and environmental conference have substantially increased. Although, the costs to host a virtual conference are lower without meal charges and room rentals, new IT contractors are needed to ensure security and smooth operations. Please also consider becoming a conference sponsor this year. Your sponsorship at any level (see the categories listed on the registration form and our website for more information) will help us meet these expenses and prepare for mid-year educational forums.

We continue to recognize that 2020 has been a challenging year for Connecticut commission members and staff during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and we thank you for your local efforts and your ongoing support. Although we will all miss the opportunities to network during lunch and among the exhibitors this year, we hope that you will join us at our 2020 virtual conference!

Alan J. Siniscalchi, President CACIWC