17 January 2010

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Please accept our invitation to attend the 72nd annual meeting of the Northeastern Forest Pest Council. The meeting will be held at the beautiful **York Harbor Inn, York Harbor, Maine, 16-17 March 2010**. This year the meeting will return to the traditional 1/2 day meeting on Tuesday and full day meeting on Wednesday. The Executive Committee has prepared a preliminary agenda, a copy of which is attached for your information. Changes in titles and speakers will be reflected in the final agenda that will be handed-out at the meeting. A limited number of easels for posters will be provided. On the registration form, please indicate if you plan to bring a poster. Information on lodging at the Inn, meeting registration, student symposium, and field trips are included below.

Lodging: The hotel rate is \$70.00/night, not including 7% tax and tips. There is a two adult maximum occupancy per room. For each room, a deposit in the full amount of the total stay must be made at the time of reservation. The reservation must be made via the attached form, which needs to be faxed to the York Harbor Inn. <u>All reservations must be made by Tuesday, February</u> <u>16, 2010.</u> After this date, any remaining rooms in our block that have not been reserved by a member of your group will be released and placed back into general sale. Please note that the Inn may not be able to guarantee the meeting rate after the reservation cut-off date or for early arrivals and extended stays, however, they will do their best to accommodate last minute guests. For directions to the Inn, please see http://www.yorkharborinn.com/directions.htm

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Registration: The full meeting registration fee is \$85.00. The registration fee for non-presenting students is \$40.00. Registration includes an expansive continental breakfast on Wednesday, mid-morning refreshments, a group luncheon, and afternoon food & beverage breaks. Pre-registration by <u>1 March</u> <u>2010</u> is strongly recommended, as the Inn needs a headcount for ordering food. Please return the attached registration form before this deadline. Checks must be made payable to the "NEFPC". Please note: Cash and checks are welcome at arrival. The registration fee is waived for Honorary Life Members of the Council.

Student symposium: The Gerald N. Lanier Graduate Student Symposium gives students from the northeastern U.S. and eastern Canada a friendly and relaxed setting in which to practice their presentation skills, and it affords an opportunity to discuss their work with practitioners and other scientists. Any graduate student who is willing to give a 15 min presentation on his/her research on forest health will be **reimbursed for one night's lodging at the meeting, and the registration fee will be waived**. In addition, one or more

deserving students will receive \$50-\$200 for what is judged as the best presentations at the Symposium. To participate see the attachment, an <u>abstract for the presentation must be sent by February 16, 2010.</u>

Field trips: On the registration form, please indicate if you would like to attend a local field trip. There are two possible field trips depending on interest and weather. Trips would take place Tuesday, March 16th in the morning before the meeting starts.

Option 1: Kennebunkport, ME trip - 40 minute drive

a. Browntail moth infestation: see what winter webs look like and brainstorm creative solutions to control it in a populated and sensitive environment.

b. Elongate hemlock scale: A newly discovered infestation. How far has it spread? What is the best course of action with native hosts in close proximity to the infestation?

Option 2: York, ME trip - 10 minute drive

a. Sample for *Laricobius nigrinus*, a recently introduced hemlock woolly adelgid biological control agent. Be the first to recover one in 2010!

Sincerely,

David Mausel

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<u>Preliminary Agenda – Jan.13 2010</u> Northeastern Forest Pest Council – 72nd Annual Meeting

March 16th – 17th, 2010

York Harbor Inn, York Harbor, Maine, United States

Tuesday - March 16th, 2010

- 10:00 13:00 Registration: Foyer
- 13:00 Welcoming Remarks Kyle Lombard – Chair, NEFPC Louis Morneau – Vice-Chair, NEFPC

Session I: Pest Updates – Northeastern North America

Chair: Charlene Donahue, Forest Entomologist, Maine Division of Forest Health and Monitoring

- 13:15 Maine (Charlene Donahue), New Hampshire (Kyle Lombard), Vermont (Ron Kelly), Massachusetts (Charlie Burnham), New York (Jerry Carlson), Rhode Island (TBD), Connecticut (TBD), Pennsylvania (Don Eggan), New Jersey (Mark Mayer), Newfoundland and Labrador (TBD), Prince Edward Island (David Carmichael), Nova Scotia (Gina Penny), New Brunswick (Nelson Carter), Québec (Louis Morneau), Ontario (TBD)
- 15:00 Break

Session II: Gerald N. Lanier Graduate Student Forum

Chair: Dr. William H. Livingston, Associate Director of Undergraduate Programs, University of Maine **NOTE: 20 minutes/presentation**

15:30	TBD
15:50	TBD
16:10	TBD
16:30	TBD
16:50	TBD
17:10	TBD

- **17:30 NEFPC Executive Committee Meeting (Delegates only)**
- 18:30 22:00 Dinner (on your own) Trivia night in the hotel

Wednesday - March 17th, 2010

8:00 NEFPC Business Meeting (open to all)

<u>Session III: Pest Updates – Northeastern North America (continued)</u> Chair: *TBD*

8:30 States and Provinces updates continued

10:00 Break

Session IV: Forest Health in Eastern Canada

Chair: Louis Morneau, Forest Entomologist, Quebec MRNF

- 10:00 Spruce budworm spray program in Quebec in 2009 (SOPFIM).
- 10:20 Canadian Forest Service. **TBD**
- 10:40 Canadian Forest Service. **TBD**

Session V: Forest Health in New England

Chair: Kyle Lombard, Forest Entomologist, NH Division of Forests and lands

- 11:00 Spruce dwarf mistletoe research. Jaret Reblin (Bowdoin College)
- 11:20 Orange-barked hemlocks. **De Wei Li** (CT Agr. Exper. Stn)
- 11:40 **TBD**

12:00 Lunch (provided)

- 13:00 Investigating causes of forest decline in Vermont. Robert DeGeus
- 13:25 Lessons learned from the Asian longhorned beetle outbreak in Worcester, MA and the monumental efforts to eradicate this pest. **Ken Gooch**
- 13:50 Solving the firewood conundrum, is it doable? Dave Struble
- 14:15 Asian longhorned beetle trapping. Michael T. Smith
- 14:50 Break
- 15:20 Oak wilt disease in New York. Jerry Carlson

Session VI: Alien invasives

Chair: TBD

- 15:50 Emerald ash borer biosurveillance update. **Mike Bohne**
- 16:05 Emerald ash borer and the black ash task force. **TBD**
- 16:20 Herbicide and beech bark disease. Andrew Nelson
- 16:35 Overview of alien invasive insect and disease pests in northeastern U.S. Scott Pfister
- 16:55 Overview of alien invasive insect and disease pests in Canada CFIA TBD
- 17:15 Closing

REGISTRATION FORM - Due 1 March 2010

Northeastern Forest Pest Council 72nd annual meeting York Harbor Inn, York Harbor, Maine March 16-17, 2010

(Please type or print)

Name:
(as you want it to appear on your name tag)
Affiliation:
Address:
E-mail:
Registration fee:\$85Presenting students:\$0Non-presenting students:\$40Honorary Life Members:\$0
Bringing a poster? Yes
Attending a field trip? Number your first and second choice, if you are interested in both. 1) Kennebunkport, ME = browntail moth + elongate hemlock scale 2) York, ME = <i>Laricobius nigrinus</i> + hemlock woolly adelgid
If you're paying now, please make checks payable to "NEFPC"
Mail, fax, or email completed forms to: David Mausel University of Massachusetts Agric. Eng. Bldg.
250 Natural Resources Rd.

Amherst, MA 01003 Fax: 413-545-5858

e-mail: <u>dmausel@psis.umass.edu</u>

THANK YOU !



480 York Street (PO BOX 573), York Harbor, ME 03911 (207) 363 - 5119 Main Hotel (207) 363 - 7151 Guest Fax

To make a reservation, fax this form to (207) 363-7151. You will receive a confirmation.

If you'd like a call back, please indicate here: PLEASE CALL (#)_____

All reservations require a credit card number with the expiration date or a check/money order covering one night's room and tax sent back with this form. Deposits will be refunded only if reservation is cancelled **four(4) weeks before day of arrival**. Otherwise, the guest is responsible for full payment of the room.

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Gerald N. Lanier Graduate Student Symposium - First Announcement

The Gerald N. Lanier Graduate Student Symposium for the Northeastern Forest Pest Council (NEFPC) meeting will be held at the York Harbor Inn in York, Maine, from Tuesday, March 16th to Wednesday, March 17th, 2010. This is an invitation to any or all graduate students working in the general area of forest health to participate in this annual event. Please forward this message to these students and their advisors.

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To participate, an abstract for the presentation must be sent to me by February 16, 2010. Send the abstract as a Microsoft Word or similar text document attached to an email, or fax it to:

Dr. William H. Livingston School of Forest Resources University of Maine 5755 Nutting Hall, rm 201b Orono, ME 04469-5755 USA

ph: 207-581-2990 fx: 207-581-2875 Email: <u>WilliamL@maine.edu</u>

Please use the following format:

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Title: [type in the title of the presentation]

Authors: [Student's name first. Include other names as appropriate]

Address: [Institution's name, city, state (or province)]

Abstract: [Keep entire submission to 1 page with 1 inch margins and 12 pt font]