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CAN DO NYSCC OUTLOOK -- 2019 IS NOT JUST ANOTHER YEAR

By Chuck Parker, NYSCC President

If I had to make one statement it would be that we, the Council, cannot just be what we have been. No organization can. Through attrition and simply the passage of time people and groups may move on, so we have to make efforts to retain our present membership and recruit new members -- or the next generation.

2018 was full of challenges, but we met those and have put in place some initiatives that will make for a better NYSCC. With the active participation of our membership 2019 will be a year of re-growth, stabilization and reinvigoration.

The financial picture of the Council did not look good in September 2018, but the membership took care of this problem. While it took until December to see the results, all bills were paid. There were significant donations, both large and small, that saved the day for us. Since September we have hired a professional fundraiser, Deniese Haskins, who will be starting her efforts this January. While she will be looking for corporate and other sponsorship / donations, she has mentioned one very important source to go after -- our past memberships that are no longer active. For some clubs, time and leadership change, or a simple mailing address that is no longer current has led to a loss of these former members. Deniese has studied NYSCC operations through information that is available; and knowing different perspectives within the Council can only lead to a better understanding of what we do and who to reach out to. While it will take time for us to see the return that a professional fundraiser will generate, it is important that we continue our traditional fundraising efforts in the meantime.

Our Spring/Legislative Meeting will undergo a significant overhaul that should attract greater attention. This change came about as a result of input from different individuals; and DEC is on board with these modifications. Committee responsibilities will remain the same, but we will have one common DEC presentation that everyone will be attending. Committees will be responsible for submitting information requests for DEC to speak on. Following the DEC presentation any action items required will be the responsibility of the committee that subject matter falls under. No one will have to say that I missed one subject presentation as a result of attending a different meeting. All committees are expected to stay active throughout the year. Mark your calendars now to attend the Spring/Legislative Meeting at Herkimer College on April 13.

Democrats now have a majority in both the State Senate and the Assembly. This will require us to reach out to all of our elected representatives from the perspective that they need to deal with our bills of concern based on their merit versus Republican or Democratic sponsorship. Look for the messages and suggestions that Pat McBrearty and Bill Gibson will be issuing.

I hope you see that for 2019 we are offering a renewed Council initiative: new outlooks and some new people promoting the concerns of the Council. Success will be guaranteed with renewed participation from you, the membership. Are your proposed resolutions submitted? Are you getting ready to register for the Spring Meeting? Are you making your concerns known?

ADIRONDACK WINTER BREAKFAST THOUGHTS

By Robert E. Brown

Looking out my window on this sunny January morning, the chickadees and juncos are flying in and out of the feeder and on to the shelf on the outside of the window sill, picking the millet kernels and shucking the sunflower seeds as fast as they can before flying to the tops of the fir trees. The downy woodpecker, meanwhile, prefers to jab his beak between the bars on the suet feeder to get his breakfast.



The temperature is 10 degrees above zero, the sun is shining, the sky is bright blue and six inches of snow blankets the yard. Time to start the coffee pot, put a bagel in the toaster and cut up the ham slice, onions, peppers and a little cheese then heat up the frying pan. Crack an egg over that combination. Sound good? It is.

In a matter of minutes, I am at the table having my breakfast, while on TV the morning news flashes the latest clash between the opposing political party buffoons in our nation's capital. My thoughts go back to the years when Democrats and Republicans were made up of citizens on both sides that ranged from moderates to conservatives. Today there seems to be no "middle of the road" politicians. Everyone is hard left or right.

In our small village, during the last election both parties ran good candidates. I wrote a letter to the editor in the local newspaper saying that we were lucky to have two great candidates. I voted for the candidate in the party in which I am registered. He lost. A few weeks later I ran into the winning candidate and said, "Congratulations! You know I voted for your opponent, but now I want to support and help you all I can." She thanked me, and we both know we will work together for the better of the community. As a society we need to find a way to start walking down the middle of the trail. It's a lot easier that stumbling along the brushy edge.

Just looked out the window again, here comes a doe I named "Clippy" since she has one ear with a clip cut out of it like the farmers' cows had in their ears when I was a boy. Last year's fawn is with her. Time to throw a couple of apples in the back yard.

Have a great day!



2019 CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS- Deadline extended this year

This notice constitutes official call for resolutions for the NYSCC for 2019. All resolutions should be sent to the NYSCC Office by **March 1, 2019**. The Council office address is 8 East Main Street, Ilion, NY 13357-1899. It would be of great help to the Committee if resolutions were submitted early; any resolutions not in the proper form and received by the March 1 deadline will be rejected.

County and Associate members may submit two resolutions, and Affiliate groups may submit one. Each organization submitting a resolution should investigate its facts thoroughly. Be very specific as to what is being requested along with reference to any law, order, policy or regulation. In addition, the resolution should contain reference to who should perform the action requested and by what means (law change, Department order change, request for action, etc.).

Of statewide significance –**To benefit the sportsmen of New York State**

By Stephen Wowelko, Chairman, NYSCC Resolution Committee

The resolution process for 2019 is in full swing. As the March 1 deadline approaches, here are some suggestions to help you along in the process.

All resolutions for consideration through NYSCC should be to establish or change a position or policy for the New York State Conservation Council on a matter concerning issues of state-wide significance.

The **title** of the resolution should clearly reflect the intent.

In formulating the resolution, the “**Whereas**” statements should provide the basic facts and reasons for the resolution. The information should be specific, and provide answers to such questions as: Why is the change necessary? What are the facts leading to the final request? It should provide or reference statistics and the effect of the issue. What is the rationale for the “resolved” course of action?

The “**Be It Resolved:**” should clearly spell out what it is you wish to achieve.

The primary purpose of a resolution is to delineate a position for the New York State Conservation Council on a matter not otherwise covered concerning policies, principles, or precedent of state-wide significance. Resolutions are policy declarations and are not meant to solve local problems unless all other avenues of remedy have been exhausted on the local level.

The final submitted resolution should be polished, well thought out and not a draft work in progress.

The resolutions are to be submitted by the organization’s official councilman to the NYSCC. Resolutions coming from other individuals or directly from Federation clubs will not be accepted. The resolution should contain contact information for the councilman – name, address, phone number and email address. The councilman will be the primary contact for any questions the Resolution Committee may have about the resolution.

Resolutions are due at the NYSCC main office by **March 1, 2019**. It is preferred that they be sent electronically to nyscc@nyscc.com or if the councilman does not have email access it may be sent on paper through the US Post Office to the following address:

**NYSCC
8 East Main Street
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**Decide firmly on a
course of action**

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**Firm determination to
do something.**

ICE FISHING! FISH STOCK TO CHOWDER

This recipe can be enjoyed with almost any fish coming out of the ice from perch to pickerel. After filleting the fish, make a simple fish stock with the cleaned fish carcass and then proceed to making a fish chowder.



For the stock: After filleting the fish, remove and discard the entrails, then rinse the cavity and scales of fish thoroughly. Add cleaned fish to a large stock pot, along with a handful of roughly chopped onion, parsley, and celery tops, a clove of garlic, and a pinch of salt and pepper. Cover fish with cold water and gently simmer over medium heat for about 20-30 minutes (foaming is normal and can be ignored or skimmed off). Strain the stock through a colander and again through some cheese cloth. Fish stock can be stored for a few days in the fridge or frozen for later use (best used within three months).

For the chowder:

Ingredients

- 4 slices bacon (could substitute 2 tablespoons olive oil)
- 2/3 cup chopped onion or shallot
- 1/2 cup chopped celery
- 3 medium potatoes, cubed
- 3 cups fish stock
- 1/2 cup chopped carrots or sweet corn kernels
- 2 Tbsp. fresh parsley, minced
- 1 Tbsp. lemon juice
- 1/2 tsp. dill weed or 1 Tbsp. fresh dill, minced (optional)
- 1-2 tsp. Old Bay-type seasoning (optional)
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 pound boneless, skinless pan fish fillet, such as perch, sunfish, or pickerel, cut into 1 inch chunks
- 1 cup half-&-half cream (or evaporated skim milk)

Directions

In a 3-quart stockpot, cook the bacon until crisp. Remove bacon pieces, crumble, and set aside; leaving about 2 tablespoons of drippings in the pan. If using olive oil instead of bacon, just add olive oil to pot and proceed to next step.

Sauté onion and celery in bacon fat (or olive oil) until tender. Add potatoes, fish stock, carrots or corn, parsley, lemon juice and seasonings. Simmer until vegetables are tender, about 30 minutes.

Add fish pieces and cooked bacon to the pot and simmer for 5 minutes, or until fish flakes with a fork. Add cream, and heat through, being careful not to boil the chowder once the cream is added. Ladle into serving bowls and garnish with a sprinkle of smoked paprika or Old Bay seasoning and a sprig of parsley. Serves about 4 people.

Note: Perch is a very lean source of protein and an excellent source of selenium and B12.

Nutrition Facts

4 servings per container	
Serving size	
Amount per serving	
Calories	340
	% Daily Value*
Total Fat 15g	19%
Saturated Fat 5g	25%
Trans Fat 0g	
Cholesterol 140mg	47%
Sodium 880mg	38%
Total Carbohydrate 11g	4%
Dietary Fiber 1g	4%
Total Sugars 5g	
Includes 1g Added Sugars	2%
Protein 39g	
Vitamin D 4mcg	20%
Calcium 177mg	15%
Iron 2mg	10%
Potassium 980mg	20%
<small>*The % Daily Value tells you how much a nutrient in a serving of food contributes to a daily diet. 2,000 calories a day is used for general nutrition advice.</small>	

The Wild Harvest Table started as a celebration of the culinary bounty represented by wild game and fish in the Finger Lakes region of New York State. Cornell Cooperative Extension Nutrition Educator, Moira Tidball, from Seneca County started the website in January of 2009 as a resource for game and fish recipes, nutrition information, and preparation techniques.



WHY THE STATE'S ECO, FOREST RANGER SYSTEMS MAY CHANGE

By Bill Conners



ECO Robert Hodor assisting with spring stocking activities in Dutchess County - DEC Region 3.

For the average hunter, trapper or angler, the face of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation is that of the Environmental Conservation Officer or the Forest Ranger. Whether we encounter them at streamside or run into them in the back country, for the most part they are our connection to the DEC.

ECOs and Forest Rangers are bundled in separate divisions under the Office of Public Protection. ECOs are in the Division of Law Enforcement, while Rangers are in the Division of Forest Protection. Recently, word has filtered out of Albany that there may be a consolidation of the job titles between the two divisions. This, of course, raises the question: is it only the titles that are going to be changed?

The title of Environmental Conservation Officer has evolved over the years. Born out of the title of Fish and Game Protector, they arrived on the scene in 1880, roughly about 5 years before the Forest Preserve was formed. Eight Fish and Game Protectors were appointed to enforce laws to protect deer, birds and fish, and to bring legal action against anyone caught violating the state's emerging Conservation Law. They predated even the New York State Police by 37 years. In rural New York, they were very often the only law officers that New Yorkers had any contact with.

Game Protectors provided the standard for today's ECOs. Many of the old traditions still exist: the uniforms are still green; the strong tradition to protect fish and wildlife is just as strong as in the early days. Despite 135 years of evolution, the Division of Law Enforcement's mission statement could have been written by those first eight men: "To protect the environment, natural resources and people of the State of New York through law enforcement, education and public outreach." Today's Environmental Conservation Officers still maintain the values and work ethic of their dedicated predecessors, the Game Protectors.

Forest Rangers, on the other hand, did not come on the scene until around 1885. They were originally called Fire Wardens, but in 1911 the Conservation Department was formed and shortly thereafter their title was changed to Forest Ranger. Today the care, custody and control of approximately 5 million acres of DEC administered public lands and easements rests with our Forest Rangers.

Forest Rangers organize and conduct wildland search and rescue operations here in New York. Mission assignments may involve searching for lost people, locating downed civilian aircraft, and rescue operations for people who get lost in wild and remote areas of the state. Search and rescue operations often lead Rangers into remote wilderness areas, from the rugged mountainous peaks of the Adirondacks to low-lying river valleys. Their knowledge of advanced first aid, land navigation, and rope rescue techniques are often critical to the success of a mission. Their mission, sadly, sometimes becomes a recovery operation.

ECOs and Forest Rangers are sworn Police Officers authorized to enforce all state laws, with special emphasis on Environmental Conservation Law. They all must attend and graduate from a 28-week training academy, followed by a period of field training under the watchful eyes of an experienced field training officer.

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Pay a factor

Apparently, the impetus for the title change is rooted in what Forest Rangers see as a lack of pay parity with ECOs. Rangers are paid at a slightly lower rate than ECOs. Rangers are hired at an annual salary of \$59,448, while ECOs come on board at \$62,228. Not a glaring difference, but apparently enough to make the Rangers feel slighted.

Were it not for New York's penchant for bureaucratic boondoggles, a simple tweaking of the state's Civil Service Law could bring the salaries in line with each other. But alas, we're going to have to resort to title changes and who knows what else to correct the shortcoming of the current law.

I can appreciate the possible fiscal implications that could come of consolidating the two divisions. One director leading a single chain of command could save money. On the other hand, we can't help but be concerned about what could happen if the consolidation goes beyond just titles.

There are forces within the state already calling for expansion within the ranks of the rangers. The state continues to take control of more and more land, whether it be through fee acquisition or conservation easements. Ranger resources are being spread thinner and a campaign has been launched to add 40 additional Rangers.

At the same time, the ranks of the ECO have thinned out through attrition. From a high of 330 ECOs, their numbers have slipped to only 260.

The ECO Union has said that their members are concerned about what they see as a dismantling of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the lack of ECOs here in New York. At the same time, environmental advocates are calling for additional Forest Rangers. Consolidating job titles does not resolve staffing or headcount issues, unless the long term plan includes possible shifts in mission between the two divisions.

However, DEC officials have said that the proposed consolidation of titles does not mean that there are plans to merge the two divisions. Purportedly the move is being made to allow both divisions to be treated equally. Only time will tell if that is true. From the standpoint of the sporting community, had the Department discussed the situation with them they might not be as suspicious about the proposed change as they are.

The two state advisory boards representing sporting interests to the Department -- Conservation Fund Advisory Board and the Fish and Wildlife Management Board -- were not informed of the plan to consolidate the job titles. The issue was also not raised in the quarterly meeting held between NYSCC and DEC. In spite of the DEC's continued promises for more open communication with the Boards and the Council, we continue to read about shifts in programs and policy in the media instead of through a dialogue with the Department.

PLAY FAIR, MOTHER NATURE

By Mike Elam, NYSCC Director at Large

Photos courtesy of Krys Elam

I had two friends come to fish with me in early November. Don came from Ravenna, Ohio, and Geoff came from Barnsley, England. Don and Geoff knew each other before they met me, since they stayed at the same lodge on Oak Orchard Creek and fished together here and in Canada.

Don has been coming to fish Lake Ontario for close to 25 years and is a very good pier fisherman, especially for steelhead. He has fine-tuned his techniques, along with his egg sacs, to experience some excellent steelhead fishing. He prefers to fish the Olcott Piers for the easy access and has turned his wife's garden cart into a mobile fishing platform with rod holders and a seat. Olcott, NY, has two concrete piers at the mouth of Eighteen Mile Creek with parking and access for his wagon. Point Breeze, NY, is much less friendly for any type of cart.

Geoff, from England, is a carp wizard. He recently caught a 60 lb. 4 oz. carp in France. I met Geoff about 15 years ago through friends who asked me about some places to fish for carp. I said he was

welcome to fish from my dock on Lake Alice, where I told him there was a garbage can of corn where he could help himself. Corn is cheap bait and carp love it. Besides, where else can you get a million baits for \$8. I spent a day fishing carp with him and we became friends. By the way, he treats the carp better than I treat my kids. Geoff has been back three more times, once for fishing salmon in Lake Ontario, once for trolling in Oak Orchard Creek for fall salmon and once in July to canoe and fish for smallmouth bass.



Now, Don knows how good November fishing can be and I always told Geoff how good it is, so this November 6th, Geoff showed up to join Don and me. Geoff and his wife, Maddie, were especially looking forward to fresh fish dinners, fish that we caught that day. It's something almost impossible for them in England.

First, we had to get Geoff his license and that didn't go well. One hour later after a couple of phone calls and much frustration by the local agent, we had his license.



Now, for about 10 days before Geoff came, fishing had been hot in Lake Alice. Smallmouth were ravenous for tube jigs with a few bonus largemouth and walleyes being caught too. Lower Oak Orchard Creek had fair perch fishing with a nice mix of smallmouth. Don and I had a couple good days for smallmouth and, fortunately, I kept a limit of smallmouth and walleyes to feed the Brits.

Unfortunately, Geoff brought with him three inches of rain; and cold, muddy water does not make for good fishing, especially for warm water species. Along with the rain, we had very cold weather, high winds and a little snow to enhance the November fishing experience.

Don has gotten into perch fishing with me. If he brings home bags of perch fillets, he gets hero status. Don, Neil and I made a trip to Irondequoit Bay and had a fair day so he had perch marked for Ohio, but we fought the wind that day and there was only one other boat on the bay.

The five days Geoff fished we had rain or snow and wind. It was too rough and muddy to get on Lake Ontario and too muddy to pier fish which I know Geoff would enjoy. We did manage some perch, enough for a meal, but the wind made it tough to drift for the perch. By Friday, November 9th, the muddy water had cleared enough for Geoff and me to fish Lake Alice but it rained, then snowed quite heavily at times. Even with three inches of snow in the boat at one point, we did manage five fair smallmouth bass. About 11:30 a.m. Geoff looked pretty cold and wet, so I dropped him off at my house and went to pull the boat out. When I got home Geoff said he was so cold that his fingers could not work the zipper on his jacket.

On Saturday we went to Point Breeze to fish Oak Orchard, since Geoff prefers bigger fish and I had hoped he'd catch a gar, bowfin, a bass or two, steelhead or brown trout. No such luck. We managed a drift where we could work with the wind and ended up with some fair perch for Don and, of course, had a pleasant time agitating each other.

Don said that weather-wise, it was the toughest two weeks he's ever had fishing Western New York. Geoff said that November is so cold, "How does July 2019 look for more NY fishing?" I can't understand that ... November and December are the best fishing! Please, Mother Nature, shine on us in July 2019!



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WELCOME THE SNOWY OWLS!

By Douglas H. Domedion

They usually show up in our area in the winter about every three to five years, but not many of them. These beautiful birds normally live way up north in the tundra, coming down to the US during times when their normal food source is low. In their home range their diet consists of lemmings, ground squirrels and hares. When these species are down in their cycles the snowys will turn toward ground-nesting feathered prey that will include ducks, ptarmigan and sometimes a goose.

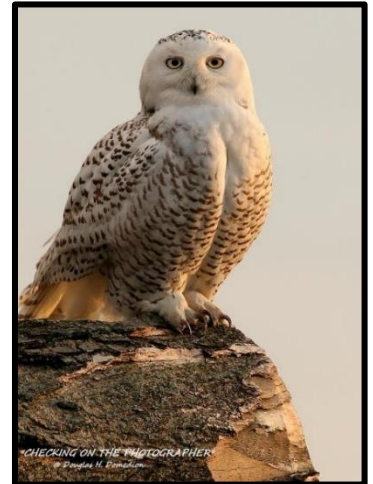
Snowy owls are birds of open areas and in their normal range there are no trees. They hunt by soaring above the tundra looking mostly for small rodents. When they migrate down here they will use perches such as fence posts, telephone poles or other exposed resting places to watch for prey.

The snowy owl is big -- 24" tall with a five-foot wingspan -- and almost pure white with dark spotting. The female has more spots than the male and thus appears darker. Eventually older males will turn almost pure white. Their head is round without ear tufts and is set off with the typical yellow owl eyes.

These owls are daytime hunters, which is lucky for us because it makes them more visible when they visit down here. They usually live 10 years or more in the wild and have been known to live 28 years in captivity. Snowy owls live on the tundra in the Arctic and nest on the ground with the female doing all the incubation of the 3 to 11 eggs. The male does all the hunting to provide food for the family while the female tends the young until they are able to move from the nest area. Both parents are very aggressive at defending the nest and have been known to drive wolves away.

In the tundra the main food supply is the lemming, a small rodent that looks much like a large mouse with long fur and a short tail. When the lemming population is high the owls remain in the tundra area all winter. However, every few years this rodent population hits a low and raising young is a problem for the owl. In fact, adults may not even nest if the food supply is low.

In years when the lemming population is low the owls will migrate south into Canada and the northern areas of the US, including New York State. In 2014 there was a great influx of them and I not only had the opportunity to photograph a number of owls but to also work with a friend who traps and bands the birds.



You don't want to miss a chance to see one of these beautiful birds!



This may be a good year for snowys as a few have already showed up in our area of the state. One has been seen quite frequently at the Genesee Airport in Batavia. There was a snowy around the Oakfield area earlier; and about the middle of December I caught one sitting on a telephone pole on Route 77 by the old White Game Farm. Several have been seen in the Buffalo area by the Erie County Basin and one on a building at Erie County Community College. There have been several spotted around the Rochester area as well.

A group called Project SNOWstorm (projectsnowstorm.org) has been putting transmitters, since 2014, on these owls that travel down into the USA. In learning more about them and their population status, several things have been discovered, one being that they are not as plentiful up north as once thought. It may be of interest to you to check out their web site.

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A note to anyone who may have a snowy owl hanging around their area: rats that have been poisoned will travel out from buildings; and if eaten by the snowy, the bird will eventually die. So please back off on the poison until the owl leaves the area.

If you see any snowy owls this winter please contact me since there are those who are trapping and banding them in order to learn more about them. My contact information is 585-798-4022 or woodduck2020@yahoo.com.

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NYS OUTDOORMEN HALL OF FAME ISSUES CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The NYSOHOF is currently seeking nominations for the new class of inductees and special awards for 2019. The deadline for submissions is January 31, 2019. Nomination forms and instructions can be found at <http://nysohof.org>. Please be sure to include mandatory supporting documentation and letters of support with your nomination. Incomplete nominations may not be considered.

In order to be inducted into the NYS Outdoorsmen Hall of Fame the individual has to devote a lifetime to "giving back" to the outdoor sports and conservation. And someone needs to feel that his or her contribution is significant enough to submit a detailed nomination for the individual.

SAVE THE DATE:

The 2019 Legislative / Spring Meeting at Herkimer College: April 13 beginning at 9 a.m.
The registration form will be included in the next GRN and available on our website:
www.nyscc.com in March.

Registration fee will be \$30 for each attendee.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING OUT THERE...

Great Lot Sportsman's Club to Host 5 Guided Snowshoeing Trips in 2019

The Great Lot Sportsman's Club will be hosting 5 Guided Snowshoeing Trips this winter at its club just off Osceola Road in West Leyden, Lewis County. Those interested are asked to meet at 9:45 a.m. at the entrance to the Great Lot Sportsman's Club. Guides are both 20-year military veterans from Boonville. You can follow the guide or take a map and explore the many snow-covered trails on your own. Afterwards all will be treated to a hot lunch and refreshments at the clubhouse. Snowshoeing and lunch are FREE and open to all age groups! Limited snowshoes are available. For more information or to sign up please contact Guy @ (315) 378-7592.

2019 SNOWSHOEING DATES: 19 Jan, 2 Feb, 16 Feb, 23 Mar, 30 Mar. All trips start off at 10 a.m.

On Thursday, January 17, 2019, at 6 PM the **New York Forest Owners Association** will have its annual potluck dinner at the Cornell Cooperative Extension, 840 Upper Front Street, Binghamton, NY. Mike Zagata, NYFOA Director of Organization Development, will speak on Managing Your Land for Wildlife. Bring a dish to pass and a table serving. Hot and cold beverages will be available.

Mike Zagata, PhD, is the former Chief Executive Officer of the Ruffed Grouse Society and former Commissioner of the New York Department of Environmental Conservation where he oversaw 4,000 employees and an operating budget in excess of \$300 million.

Mike will offer a Power Point presentation covering the history of NY Forests, the impact on them as a result of the "preservation" movement, and the recent Young Forest Initiative. Mike will discuss what it all means to the landowner's goal of being able to combine managing for wood fiber and for wildlife at the same time.

Below is a link to a description of the event.

[New York Forest Owners Association :: SOT - January Potluck: Managing Your Land for Wildlife](#)



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