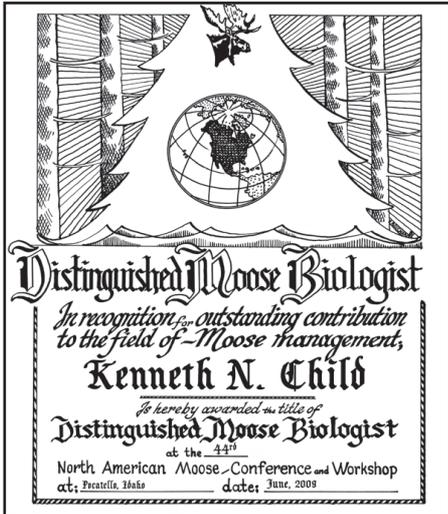


## KENNETH N. CHILD

### DISTINGUISHED MOOSE BIOLOGIST - 2009 RECIPIENT



The Distinguished Moose Biologist Award was presented to Kenneth N. Child at the 44<sup>th</sup> North American Moose Conference and Workshop, held at the University of Idaho, in Pocatello, Idaho, USA, 14-17 June 2009, in recognition of his contribution to moose management.

Ken is a graduate of Carleton University, Ottawa (Hons. B. Sc. 1967), and the University of Victoria, Victoria, BC (M. Sc. 1970). He spent 19 years (1973-1992) with the BC Ministry of Environment as a Regional Wildlife Biologist in Prince George responsible for the management of all big game species, but specialized in the management of moose. He retired from government service in 1992 and joined B.C. Hydro Corporation as the Regional Environmental Co-ordinator for delivery of an Environmental Management System (ISO 14000) for the production and transmission of electrical power in the province. During his years with BC Hydro, Ken remained involved in wildlife in the establishment and field delivery of major compensation programs for fish and wildlife resources in the both the Peace-Williston and Columbia reservoirs and generating facilities.

Ken has published numerous peer-reviewed and popular articles and technical reports on a number of big game species in the Canadian Journal of Zoology, Journal of Mammalogy, Canadian Veterinary Journal, Wildlife Review, Canadian Field Naturalist, and 12 papers in *Alces*. He is also a

contributing author in Ecology and Management of the North American Moose (Chapter 8, *Incidental Mortality*). He is currently volunteering his services on a Moose-Train Collision Working group with local stakeholders, government biologists, and the Canadian National Railway to address the mitigation of moose-train mortality along railway corridors in central British Columbia.

Ken, as the Regional Wildlife Biologist for the Omineca subregion in British Columbia, introduced a selective harvesting strategy for moose. After 28 years, the Omineca continues to report the highest and most consistent harvest level of moose per km<sup>2</sup> in the province: a testament to Ken's management efforts in the early 80's.

Ken has been an active participant in the North American Moose Conference and Workshop. He was a regular attendee and contributor to Workshops and chaired the 19<sup>th</sup> Workshop in Prince George (1983) and co-chaired the 43<sup>rd</sup> Workshop at the University of Northern British Columbia, Prince George (2007). He plans to continue his research on moose at his leisure. Ken has served as a peer reviewer for *Alces* on numerous occasions over the years and even when in the employ of BC Hydro.

The North American Moose Conference and Workshop is pleased to recognize Ken Child as the recipient of the Distinguished Moose Biologist Award for 2009 for his contributions to moose management and the successful introduction of selective harvesting strategies for moose in the Omineca.