



**“WE ARE THE CONSERVATIONISTS!”**

## **SAM Membership Survey 2013**

SAM’s annual membership survey provides important information to SAM’s Board of Directors and staff. This is a chance for you to help us determine how we’re doing and what we should be focused on over the coming legislative session and what events we should be gearing up for over the next year. We are a grass-roots member organization, so your input is critical. So is your continued financial support—without it, we can’t fight for our shared outdoor heritage. Thanks!

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

*Please note: SAM protects your privacy. Your information is only used by us and our partners to provide you with information, alerts, and member benefits. We do not sell our database or provide it to outside entities.*

Areas of primary interest: \_\_\_ Hunting \_\_\_ Fishing \_\_\_ Trapping \_\_\_ ATV’s

\_\_\_ Non-resident parity \_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment \_\_\_ Snowmobiling \_\_\_ Boats

\_\_\_ Landowner Relations/ Access \_\_\_ Birding \_\_\_ Non-game conservation

\_\_\_ Deer restoration \_\_\_ Youth events \_\_\_ New sporting opportunities

\_\_\_ Competitive Shooting

**What is your favorite thing to do in the outdoors (e.g., fly fishing, bow hunting for deer, fox trapping, etc.)?** \_\_\_\_\_

**How do you rate the following?**

Great    Good    Fair    Poor

               a.) SAM’s work on your behalf

               b.) SAM News

               c.) SAM website (sportsmansallianceofmaine.org)

               d.) IF&W’s work on hunting and fishing

**1) The Humane Society of the United States has announced their intention to gather signatures for another bear referendum to ban bear baiting, hounding and trapping. Do you support the referendum?**

\_\_\_ Yes    \_\_\_ No    \_\_\_ Undecided    \_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**If you answered no, would you like to help SAM defeat the referendum by:**

- Volunteering
- Make a donation to the campaign
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Please supply your contact information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

- 2) **Recently the Legislature passed a new law that prohibited the discharge of bows and arrows one hundred yards from a dwelling. SAM is opposed to this bill and will likely try to change it next session based on the answers to this survey. Do you want SAM to work to change or repeal this law?**     Yes     No    Other \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) **Last year, SAM expanded our programs related to youth activities. We will continue to do the same this year. Where should we further expand youth activities? Circle your answer.**  
A: Gun safety and education  
B: Youth fishing areas  
C: Shooting competitions  
D: Hunting  
E: Trapping  
Other \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) **The Legislature passed a new law that requires bird hunters to label their harvested and dressed Grouse while hunting in the unorganized territory. This law is designed to make it easier for wardens to track bag and possession limits. So far the law has caused confusion and controversy. Do you support this new law?**  
 Yes     No     Undecided
- 5) **Do you think turkeys have a negative impact on the whitetail deer?**  
 Yes     No
- 6) **Do you think poaching is becoming more prevalent?**  
 Yes     No
- 7) **Should possession limits for game animals be eliminated in the home?**  
 Yes     No
- 8) **Roxanne Quimby is proposing a National Park near Baxter State Park. Traditional uses like hunting, trapping and snowmobiling will likely be banned. Do you support the creation of a National Park in Northern Maine?**  
 Yes     No
- 9) **Recently, Roxanne Quimby's son Lucas took over Elliotsville Plantation, the organization advocating for the creation of a National Park in Maine. He has been continuing to promote the park, but has recently opened a small percentage of Quimby land to limited hunting. Does the appearance of this new "hunter friendly" direction effect how you feel about the National Park idea?**     Yes     No     Undecided
- 10) **Have you visited the SAM website, if so, are you happy with it?**  
 Yes     No    Comments about the website \_\_\_\_\_

- 11) If you could change a law or introduce legislation related to the outdoors, what would it be?
- 12) SAM has created a Fish and Game Club Network to better communicate, share programs, etc. Do you belong to a Fish and Game Club? If yes, what is the name of your club?  
 Yes     No  
 Name of Fish and Game Club \_\_\_\_\_ Town \_\_\_\_\_
- 13) In the last year SAM has aggressively developed a deer management plan to help restore Maine's herd. It includes developing coyote hunting into a big game industry, much like bear hunting. Do you support this initiative?  
 Yes     No
- 14) Do you support the creation of an East-West highway as recently proposed that stretches from Calais across the state to Canada?  
 Yes     No     Undecided
- 15) How do you feel about Maine developing the following energy sources?  
 Tidal                     Support     Oppose     Undecided  
 Natural Gas             Support     Oppose     Undecided  
 Wind Power             Support     Oppose     Undecided  
 Off shore Wind Power  Support     Oppose     Undecided  
 Solar                     Support     Oppose     Undecided  
 Nuclear                  Support     Oppose     Undecided
- 16) Have you hunted or trapped coyotes anytime during the past 3 years?  Yes  No
- 17) If yes, which of the following methods did you use to hunt coyotes? Please circle methods.  
 Hunting over bait    Calling    Hounding    Incidental to other hunting    Trapping    Other
- 18) What factors do you believe are causing the decline of deer populations in Northern, Eastern and Western Maine?  
 Predation              
 Habitat loss             
 Poaching               
 Car collisions          
 Other                    \_\_\_\_\_
- 19) SAM was successful in changing the Land for Maine's Future Program to prioritize the purchase and easement protection of deer wintering areas when the state buys land. Do you support this effort?  Yes     No     Undecided

**Fishing Issues**

- 20) Do you fish?:  fresh water     salt water     do not fish
- 21) Do you ice fish?  Yes     No
- 22) Do you use live fish as bait?  Yes     No
- If yes, do you use live fish as bait in the:  
 Spring     Summer     Fall     Winter

**23) Which of the following fish do you fish for (You may pick more than one)? Please circle.**  
Brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout, splake, landlocked salmon, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, pike, perch, crappie, muskellunge, other species: \_\_\_\_\_

**24) At the present time, fishing in Maine is:** \_\_\_excellent \_\_\_good \_\_\_fair \_\_\_poor

**25) Over the last five years, has the quality of fishing in Maine:**  
\_\_\_improved \_\_\_declined \_\_\_stayed the same

**26) Should DIF&W manage more waters for bigger fish even if it means more restrictive regulations?**  
\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No \_\_\_Undecided

**27) Should DIF&W manage more waters to increase fishing opportunities for kids and families, including more stocking and less restrictive regulations for children 16 years old and under?**  
\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No \_\_\_Undecided

SAM values your input on sportsman’s issues. We will base our agenda on your responses. Please take a few moments to express your ideas and concerns. Below you will find a response sheet for any extra comments and an opportunity to support us financially. We ask that you consider financially supporting us to stay committed and focused on protecting our outdoor heritage.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Timberlake  
President

**Yes! I’ll support SAM’s continued efforts to protect and preserve our outdoor heritage!**

As you know with the tough economy, financial support from our membership is essential. Please consider supporting SAM to help promote our programs with a donation today.

**Enclosed is my contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_**  
(Make check payable to SAM)

Contributions can be made by check or on our website at <http://www.sportsmansallianceofmaine.org/membership.html>

*SAM is a 501 (c)3 non-profit organization. All contributions are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed.*

Return this Membership survey to:  
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Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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