

Geoff Jones, M.S. Professional Forester

Geoff is the former land director for the Society for the Protection of NH Forests and former director of the NH Wildlife Federation. He was a charter member of the NH Timber Harvesting Committee. He started his own forestry consulting and tree removal business, Loveland Forestry, in 2010.

Wildlife have always been a priority to my management work. Central to my thinking: ***“love all of the children; all of the species; all of the time”***.



Interests include kayaking, canoeing, sailing, camping, hiking, & protecting land. He is a veteran of the US Coast Guard (1969-73).

Can't ever forget

In the summer of 1968, I was a member of a 4-person 1,200-mile kayak expedition down the Churchill River in northern Canada. Our goal: as a 3rd year wildlife major, was to have a wilderness experience, see wildlife, and to retrace the footsteps of the early Voyageurs.

At the 1,000+ mile mark an accident swept us down a two-mile section of class 5 rapids. At the bottom, there were 3 boats, 2 people, and one paddle. Already, exhausted and malnourished, we lost most of our food and Glen. We had 150 miles to go. As I was searching for Glen I spotted two molting Canada geese. They would provide essential nourishment over the next 3 days, as we tried to figure out how to finish our trip.

I have forever had a very soft, reverent place in my heart for Canada geese that continues to this day.

In 1966, fresh out of high school, my first boss, forester John C. Calhoun, told me if I really wanted to help wildlife, I should do one of three things: be a lawyer, a politician, or a forester. Thankfully, I chose the latter and have had a storied 47-year professional forestry career.

To learn more about the kayak story, go to UNH Alumni magazine website link for the 40th anniversary commemorative article:

<https://www.unhmagazine.unh.edu/sp10/churchill.html>

