



Memorandum of Understanding
between
Ducks Unlimited Canada & Acadia University

Whereas Ducks Unlimited Canada's mission is to conserve, restore and manage wetlands and associated habitats for the benefit of waterfowl, wildlife and people; and

Whereas Ducks Unlimited Canada's science and research mission is to guide the conservation of waterfowl and wetlands by developing and sustaining a premier program of research and by cultivating relationships with other skilled professionals in wetland and waterfowl conservation biology; and

Whereas Acadia University is a recognized centre for environmental research and education, has identified The Environment as one of the pillars of its Institutional Research Plan, and is currently establishing the Arthur Irving Academy for the Environment, demonstrating that its vision for the future includes areas of mutual interest with Ducks Unlimited Canada; and

Whereas Ducks Unlimited Canada and Acadia University wish to enter into an agreement to establish joint research initiatives and strategic partnerships which are of mutual benefit;

The Parties agree in principle to the following as the basis of an Agreement to be formally concluded between Ducks Unlimited Canada and Acadia University;

- 1. Develop opportunities for salt marsh, dykeland, and wetland ecosystem research*
- 2. Explore opportunities with the K.C. Irving Environmental Science Centre and the Arthur Irving Academy for the Environment*
- 3. Interact with research centres at Acadia such as ACGCER (Atlantic Centre for Global Change and Ecosystem Research), ACER (Acadia Centre for Estuarine Research), ACWERN (Atlantic Cooperative Wildlife Ecology Research Network), and ACMA (Acadia Centre for Microstructural Analysis)*
- 4. Promote the development of professional biologists in wetland and waterfowl conservation by supporting research projects conducted by promising Masters and Honours undergraduate students through research assistantship programs*
- 5. Jointly explore research, funding and outreach partnerships with third parties*
- 6. Communicate research results on wetland and waterfowl biology to a worldwide audience of scientists, conservationists and the general public*
- 7. Provide access to Ducks Unlimited Canada projects across Atlantic Canada for Acadia staff and students for the conduct of field research*
- 8. Participate in Lectureship opportunities*

Dated: October 19, 2004