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## ***Responsive Management Assists Fish and Wildlife Professionals, Policy Makers With Executive Order White Paper Report***

Responsive Management recently assisted fish and wildlife professionals and federal policy makers with producing a white paper report, *Strengthening America's Hunting Heritage and Conservation in the 21st Century: Challenges and Opportunities*, sponsored by the Sporting Conservation Council, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the U.S. Department of the Interior.

The white paper project is based on Executive Order 13443, which President George W. Bush signed on August 16, 2007. The purpose of the Order is to "direct Federal agencies that have programs and activities that have a measurable effect on public land management, outdoor recreation, and wildlife management . . . to facilitate the expansion and enhancement of hunting opportunities and the management of game species and their habitat."

More than 100 fish and wildlife professionals contributed to the planning and discussion behind the white paper project, and nearly 40 took part in writing the papers. Responsive Management staff edited and produced the final publication, including establishing and managing the review process, working with committee chairs and authors to edit the papers, and designing and typesetting the final publication.

Topics covered by the white papers include the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation; federal, state, and tribal coordination; wildlife habitat conservation; coordinating oil and gas development and wildlife conservation; climate change and wildlife; funding the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation in the United States; preserving the tradition of hunting through

education, recruitment, and retention; and perpetuating hunter traditions through access to public and private lands.

Also included in the publication are remarks of the Vice President, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the Secretary of the Interior at the White House Conference on North American Wildlife Policy, held October 1-3, 2008, in Reno, Nevada. The Conference was also based on the Executive Order, which called for stakeholders to convene the Conference to develop a comprehensive Recreational Hunting and Wildlife Conservation Plan that sets forth a 10-year agenda for fulfilling the goals of the Executive Order.

The white paper report is available online at [http://www.sportsmenslink.org/assets/files/EO\\_BOOK\\_web.pdf](http://www.sportsmenslink.org/assets/files/EO_BOOK_web.pdf) (2MB PDF).



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