

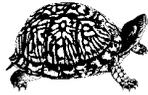


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Weekly Report

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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER CHANDLER E. WOODCOCK

I was pleased to meet this week with members of the Maine Professional Guides Association. We spent Wednesday afternoon discussing important topics such as new laws passed by Legislature; bear baiting regulations; native brook trout catch and release programs; issues of soft, plastic baits; the Controlled Moose hunt and changes to the statewide Moose Lottery; deer management and deer wintering areas; incidental take permit for lynx, landowner relations and many other issues of mutual concern.



I look forward to continuing the conversation and having these types of open discussions with sportsman's groups throughout the state.

Missed an issue?

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DO YOU KNOW?

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION from the Maine Wildlife Park's educational signs: *How many wildlife species are listed as Endangered or Threatened in this state under the Maine Endangered Species Act?*

20 Birds	2 Mammals
14 Insects	3 Freshwater mussels
4 Reptiles	2 Fish

MAINE WARDEN SERVICE



Gov. Paul LePage and Lt. Adam Gormely

Maine Warden Service Lt. Adam Gormely meets with Gov. Paul LePage to discuss the importance of life jackets when boating or fishing.

Gov. LePage will discuss water safety in his **weekly radio address** on Saturday, emphasizing that Maine has an abundance of outdoor recreational opportunities during the summer months, and that life jackets and safety should play a major role in anyone's activities.

"Whether you're a Mainer or a vacationer I hope you'll stay safe on our waters this summer," says Gov. LePage in the radio address. "Please, wear a life jacket. The Maine Warden Service and Maine Marine Patrol recommend that everyone wear a life jacket while on the water."

The Maine Warden Service and Maine Marine Patrol also issued a **joint press release** offering water safety tips to boaters, paddlers and anglers.

- The Department of Education featured a story in its monthly newsletter on a partnership with the Maine Warden Service that ensures new recruits have strong writing skills. The story is titled, "**Writing Skills Apply for Warden Aspirants.**"

WILDLIFE DIVISION



- DIF&W Wildlife Biologist Randy Cross and his team have completed **spring bear trapping**. Read the [summary](#) and [scan the results](#) here. Also read about a **bear conference** Wildlife Biologists Jennifer Vashon and Cross attended, plus more on [bear monitoring efforts](#).
- Wildlife Biologist Doug Kane gave an illustrated presentation about Maine moose at The Center for Moosehead History (Community House), Greenville this past Thursday, July 14. It was sponsored by Natural Resource Education Center. For more information about the Center, which has a new headquarters in Greenville: <http://www.naturaleducationcenter.org/>

Photo by Lisa Bates

FISHERIES DIVISION

- The Sebago Lake Focus Group, a five-member public committee organized by DIF&W Commissioner Chandler Woodcock to examine fishing opportunities and management initiatives on Sebago Lake, convened its first meeting July 7. Group members include: Dave Garcia, Naples Bait and Tackle and president of Sebago Lake Anglers Association; Carl Bois, a Professional Maine Guide; Carroll Cutting, owner of Jordan's Store and a former DIFW Advisory Council member; Peter Dunn, a lakeside resident and seasoned angler; and Brian Lebreck, a lakeside resident and long-time Sebago Lake angler. Representing DIFW are: Regional Fisheries Biologist Francis Brautigam, and Bureau of Resource Management Director John Boland.
- DIF&W is proud of its participation in the **native brook trout survey**. Read about it from Bangor Daily News Outdoor Writer John Holyoke in last weekend's edition.

INFO DESK

This week the front office of the Department received and replied to:

- 985 Phone calls
- 114 E-mails
- 74 Walk-ins

INFORMATION & EDUCATION

- Join us at Barnes and Noble in Augusta tomorrow! Saturday, July 16 – DIF&W will be hosting a table at a "Health Day" sponsored by Barnes and Noble and HealthReach. The event runs 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and we will have displays about DIF&W programs, such as Hooked on Fishing, boating safety, Maine Wildlife Park, Swan Island, BOW (Becoming An Outdoors Woman) and other outdoor and safety programs. We will also be part of B&N's program to read to kids throughout the day, taking books about wildlife and the outdoors off the shelves! Please stop by!
- Also, this weekend is **Loon Plate Weekend!** If you have a "loon" plate on your vehicle, you get into Maine state parks for free.



- Report from the Maine Wildlife Park: Things are picking up! After repeated poor weather patterns this spring and early summer, we have finally enjoyed a continuous stretch of nice weather and steady attendance. So steady was our traffic during the week of Independence Day that the park saw over **5,430** visitors between Sunday, July 3 and Saturday, July 9! The park was proudly able to display "The Final Charge" locked-horns moose display during much of this busy week, gaining media attention and public interest.

PHOTOS OF THE WEEK



Warden Sgt. Tim Spahr forwarded this photo of baby plovers found dead; they have been taken to a lab to establish the cause of death. This is the time of year, especially at southern Maine beaches, where the DIF&W asks beach-goers to be wary of the plover nests. Don't go near them and please keep any dogs away.



The beautiful new Lakeside Lodge at the UMaine 4-H Camp & Learning Center at Bryant Pond was dedicated at a ceremony and dinner attended by more than 120 people last weekend. DIFW was recognized as a partner with the camp, and department personnel attended the open house event. Learn more and see what youth camps are taking place this summer at <http://umaine.edu/bryantpond>



Anna Holtmann, a student from Neetze, Germany, has been volunteering at the DIF&W during her summer break. She is contemplating pursuing biology when she enters college this fall in Germany. During her time at DIF&W, Anna has:

- Assisted Dr. Russell Danner at the Fish Health Laboratory in fish species identification, looked at cannibalism issues with the Kennebeco fish and picked up a fish health sample from Katahdin Lake;
- Helped with the monthly weight and length inventory of fish at the Governor Hill and Dry Mills hatcheries;
- Banded Canada geese with wildlife biologists, and has scratches to prove her efforts!;
- Tried her hand at electro-fishing to catch goldfish in a pond with fisheries biologist Scott Davis;
- Fed the moose at the Maine Wildlife Park;
- Worked with a Marine Resources crew to check on the fish at different dams.



Governor Paul LePage reviews "The Boater's Guide to Maine Boating Laws and Regulations" booklet, with an inflatable life jacket in hand, just before taping his weekly radio address on boating safety.