



Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife

Weekly Report

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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER CHANDLER E. WOODCOCK

After spending yesterday in Ashland and Presque Isle, today the Commissioner sets out for Rockwood, to answer questions at a Public Forum at the Rockwood Community Center from 7-9 PM. The Forum is hosted by the Moosehead Lake Fisheries Coalition.

Tomorrow Commissioner Woodcock heads to Freeport to talk to attendees at the LLBean Hunting Expo – there will be a brown bag lunch at the store’s Camping Atrium at 12 Noon. Maine Warden Service Colonel Joel Wilkinson will join the Commissioner to answer questions and talk about the work of the Department.

Both events are open to the public!

Next Week: Commissioner Woodcock will be meeting with regional staff at the Sidney Headquarters, and will be touring Swan Island on Thursday. For more information on the programs of Swan Island [click here](#).

Yesterday, the Maine Warden Service partnered with Maine Marine Patrol to send out a press release statewide on safety information concerning the impending hurricane.

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INFORMATION CENTER

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

- 1,372 Phone calls
- 733 Emails
- 67 Walk-ins

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MAINE WARDEN SERVICE

Warden Rick Stone rescued a great blue heron from the Androscoggin River on Wednesday. Stone received a call that the bird was acting strangely so he reported to the scene and used a large net to capture the bird, which had a broken wing. The heron was taken to the Avian Haven rehabilitation facility in Freedom.



The Maine Warden Service swore in three new game wardens at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy this week. Paul Mason, Seth Powers and Kim Bates, all of whom previously served in other branches of law enforcement in Maine, are the newest members of the Maine Warden Service.

“These are important days for us,” said Col. Joel Wilkinson, chief of the Maine Warden Service. “We are a family.”

Commissioner Chandler Woodcock swore in Mason, Powers and Bates. The three newest wardens will join veteran wardens in the field this fall.

“You are here because you have earned the opportunity. You deserve it,” Woodcock said. “We are honored to have you with us.”

Maine’s U.S. Marshal, Noel March, also attended the ceremony conducted in front of MWS command staff, as well as a small gathering of family and friends.



PHOTO: From left to right, Paul Mason, Seth Powers, Kim Bates, Colonel Joel Wilkinson, MDIFW Commissioner Chandler Woodcock and U.S. Marshal Noel March following the swearing in of Mason, Powers and Bates at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy this week.



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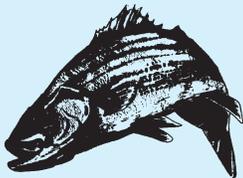
MOSES Saltwater Registry Information

A new law was passed during the legislative session that made a number of changes to the Saltwater Registry.

- There were no changes in regard to the fresh water fishing license and the Saltwater Registry. When a person buys a fresh water fishing license, they will be asked the question "Did you fish in tidal waters of the State of Maine last year?". By answering this question (either yes or no) the person has fulfilled the Saltwater Registry requirements. All they need to do is keep their fresh water fishing license with them while fishing in saltwater to prove compliance.
- A person who wishes to fish in saltwater who does not wish to purchase a fresh water fishing license must register on the Saltwater Registry. In the past, the person needed to do this through DMR, either online or at DMR headquarters. The new law requires that the Saltwater Registry be available through IF&W as well.
- A new item (Item 1871 Saltwater Fishing Registry) will be available through MOSES agents, online through Informe, and at our main headquarters here in Augusta starting August 23rd. The new item will be available from our manual (paper) agents starting on December 1, 2011 for the 2012 license year.

A couple important things that we should know about:

1. Persons under 16 years of age do not have to register.
2. A person with a lifetime fresh water fishing license will need to register each year if they wish to fish in saltwater. They will now be able to purchase the new 1871 Saltwater Fishing Registry through IF&W as well as through DMR as described above.



For more information, call 287-8000 or [click here](#).

WILDLIFE DIVISION

Phillip deMaynadier, Emmett deMaynadier, and Steve Walker of DIF&W conducted rare butterfly surveys in southern Maine where they targeted sites with good habitat conditions for the Coral Hairstreak



(Special Concern; dry old fields with abundant choke cherry) and Edward's Hairstreak (State Endangered; pitch pine-scrub oak barrens). One new population of each butterfly species was discovered in the Biddeford Pool area and the North Hollis area. Data on a new high value pitch pine oak woodland habitat type was collected to share with Maine Natural Areas Program (MDOC). The rare butterfly population locations will be mapped in the Department's Endangered, Threatened, and Special Concern database.

Bear biologists Jen Vashon and Randy Cross released three black bear cubs back into the wild on Tuesday morning, three months after they were left abandoned when their mother was accidentally killed in Standish. The cubs were taken to Second Chance Wildlife in New Sharon, where Dawn Brown and her husband, Mike Brown, operate a small rehabilitation facility for black bears.

Jen and Randy took the bears to an area just south of Ashland and released the bears without complication back into the woods. They are expected to den together.

Second Chance Wildlife has three additional bear cubs this summer, and those three are expected to remain there until next spring when they are scheduled to be released as a group.



PHOTOS: Wildlife biologists Jen Vashon and Randy Cross put a radio collar on a bear prior to its release. AND Dawn Brown of Second Chance Wildlife in New Sharon with one of the bear cubs released near Ashland this week.



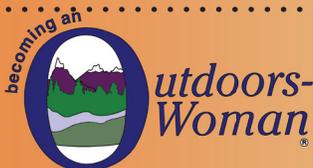
INFORMATION & EDUCATION

The 2011-2012 Maine Hunting & Trapping Book will be on line through the DIF&W website by the end of next week and hard copies will be delivered to agents and other venues around the state the following week. We are excited about the new format and the partnership with JF Griffin, as we strive to keep costs down and provide both resident and non-resident hunters and trappers the most helpful information we can. Stay tuned!



The Maine Wildlife Park continues to have a very busy summer and hopes that trend continues into the Fall, with many special events scheduled. For details of those events click on (hyperlink to MWP web pages). A recent letter received from the Maine Bowhunters Association thanked the Park for a successful weekend program of archery for kids:

(We) had a great time at the Maine Wildlife Park on Saturday. Out of the 4 years that we have been at the park, we believe this was the best time. We were covered up with kids and adults shooting and a lot of them stayed around to shoot multiple times. We had people from Paris, France, Germany, and Canada plus we had a 77 year old man who came up and wanted to try shooting. ...everybody had a blast!



Introductory Skills Weekend
September 16, 17 & 18
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