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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER CHANDLER E. WOODCOCK

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time, improving our customer service. I believe we have reached that goal with this book. I hope you enjoy it!" - DIF&W Commissioner Chandler E. Woodcock

Fishing in Maine is a key topic next week as the Commissioner's schedule includes meetings with the Penobscot Fly Fishers and businesses in the Upper Kennebec River area.

On **Saturday, Sept. 10** Commissioner Woodcock will be attending the Dedication of the new Norway-Paris Fish and Game Clubhouse in South Paris. Information is available on their website www.npfg.org.



Commissioner Woodcock participated in a well attended 'Commissioner's Forum' in Rockwood last Friday evening. Thank you to the

Moosehead Lake Fisheries Coalition and President Larry Farrington for hosting this informative event.

MAINE WARDEN SERVICE

MWS has been extremely busy the past few weeks with intensive In-Service Training and Warden Academy for the seven new hires, in addition to their usual field duties.



Watch for photos next week!

INFORMATION CENTER

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

- 934 Phone calls
- 465 Emails
- 47 Walk-ins



Missed an issue?

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FISHERIES & HATCHERIES DIVISION

The Fisheries Staff from the Greenville office teamed up with Plum Creek, The Natural Resource Education Center at Moosehead (NREC), and Boy Scout Troop 120 from Greenville on a project to improve fishing opportunities in the Moosehead Lake Region. The project involved cleaning up the access site at Rum Pond, which is a large wild trout pond on the outskirts of town. The Boy Scouts cleaned up the site and built two picnic tables with materials purchased by NREC. The Scouts also built two firepits to complete the picnic sites which are open to day use only. Plum Creek improved the old winter road to the site so anglers can drive trucks to the area without getting stuck in the mud or banging on the many large rocks in the old road. We also cleared two areas near the pond for anglers to store their boats in an orderly fashion. This will be a great spot for local anglers and folks visiting the area to fish, especially if they are hoping to get the flavor of the North Woods but may not be prepared to strike off to more remote areas. We hope anglers will use the improved site and help keep it clean and enjoy a beautiful undeveloped wild brook trout pond just a few miles from downtown Greenville.



Recently Sebago region fisheries biologists (Jim Pellerin, Brian Lewis, and Francis Brautigam), supported by Steve Seeback (Greenville office), Scott Davis (Sidney office), and Jason Seiders (Rangeley office) chemically reclaimed Little Concord Pond (Woodstock). The purpose of the reclamation was to eradicate introductions of invasive fish that compete with brook trout and compromise efforts to provide a high quality trout fishery. This brook trout enhancement project was a collaborative partnership between the surrounding property owner (DOC) and the MDIFW Hatcheries, Wildlife, Fisheries and Engineering Divisions; with most of the funding and a lot of the support donated by the Sebago Chapter of Trout Unlimited (“5 in 5”

fund raising by Dave Haskell). The project was logistically complicated due to its remote location on top of a mountain and involved resolution of issues requiring specialized equipment and expertise. Trout Unlimited (Sebago and Mollyocket Chapters), Patriot Renewables LLC, and the Biodiversity Research Institute were also helpful to the success of the project. The pond’s access road will be “closed out” over the next few weeks and the pond will be restocked with brook trout in 2012.



Speaking of reclamations, the Department has returned 600 Arctic charr to Big Reed Pond as work continues on this unique reclamation. [Click here](#) for more info and a new video!

WILDLIFE DIVISION



DIFW announces cooperative agreement for hunting on Marsh Island!

Read the Press release [here](#).

WILDLIFE DIVISION (CONT.)

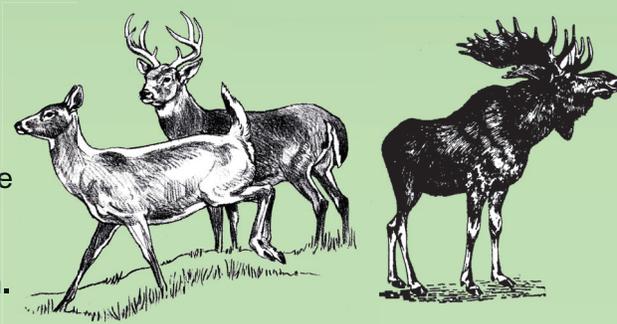
Public Access improvements in Cobscook Bay Wildlife Management Area

The Maine Conservation Corp spent six weeks creating nearly 2.5 miles of new hiking and snowshoeing trail on the Morong Cove Unit of Cobscook Bay Wildlife Management Area in Lubec. The new trail will build on the existing 1 mile management road and grassy fields that are open for all forms of non-motorized traditional public access. Providing a route to a high point with a unique view of Cobscook Bay, as well as direct access to the coves and rock outcrops on the shores of Morong Cove, the trail will provide a new outdoor destination for Cobscook Bay visitors and residents.

Public access has also been improved a section of the Morong Cove Unit across the cove from the new trail. The Morong Cove Overlook is a parking area with a ADA-compliant path to a scenic viewpoint overlooking an historic farm field and the cove beyond. Interpretive signage will be installed at the Overlook as the site has been selected as a point of interest on the Downeast Fisheries Trail, a program of Maine SeaGrant.

When it is complete later this fall, the Morong Cove Trail will be found on the website www.mainetrailfinder.com.

September 9 is the drawing for any-deer permits. Watch for the list of winners on the home page of the Department website at: www.mefishwildlife.com.



Moose Biologist Lee Kantar was recently featured in "Boone and Crockett Country" on the Outdoor Channel which featured moose hunting and management in Maine. As part of this documentary series the Controlled Moose Hunt in Aroostook County was discussed as well as how IFW manages the moose population for hunting and viewing opportunities.

INFORMATION & EDUCATION

Check out the home page of the DIF&W Website for the following informational links:

- [NEW LAWS FOR 2011](#)
- [UPDATED INFORMATION ON 2011 BEAR HUNT AND TOOTH EXTRACTION SURVEY](#)
- [BIG REED RECLAMATION PROJECT – includes new video and fact sheet](#)
- [2011 MAINE MOOSE GUIDE](#)
- [2011-12 MAINE HUNTING AND TRAPPING BOOK](#)

Yesterday, September 1st, Commissioner Woodcock toured Swan Island with I&E's Natural Science Educator, Lisa Kane, Wildlife Biologist and Manager of Swan Island, Kendall Martin, Americorps Environmental Educator Joe Bailey and I&E Director Edie Smith.

The island is accessible by boat to the general public, but reservations are needed for camping. For more information visit the Swan Island webpage by [clicking here!](#)



One of the camp sites on Swan Island.

Did You Know?

Did you know that more than 200,000 copies of the Maine Hunting & Trapping book are distributed to over 700 locations throughout Maine and the books will now be annual.