



Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife

Weekly Report

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Today's DIF&W Weekly Report is dedicated to the memory of Maine Guide and Sportsman Stephen Coleman of Dennistown. Steve died tragically last week on his beloved Wood Pond in Attean Township. Steve was a fixture in the Maine outdoors in Somerset and Piscataquis Counties and a friend to all Maine sportsmen. His memorial service is today and the Department sends its condolences to Steve's wife Sarah and their children Thomas, Tennie and Rachel. Steve was an iconic Maine sportsman and will be sorely missed.

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER CHANDLER E. WOODCOCK

Commissioner Chandler Woodcock, on behalf of the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, recently presented Governor Paul LePage with a copy of the new Maine Hunting and Trapping Booklet in the Governor's office.

The booklet features a fresh new look, one that highlights Maine's hunting and trapping heritage and the management work of Maine's nationally-recognized wildlife biologists. Even in adding the quality of full-color photographs, informative articles about hunting and trapping in Maine, and the laws and regulations for safe and successful outdoor recreation, the publication of the booklet came at a significant cost-saving for MDIF&W.

The new booklet also features a user-friendly online experience. The entire booklet is available [here](#) and can be searched page by page or downloaded in its entirety.

Commissioner Woodcock brings his sense of humor to another successful "Commissioner's Forum" at the Norway-Paris Fish and Game Club last Wednesday evening. Warden's Kris Barboza and Norm Lewis, Fisheries Biologist Francis Brautigam and Wildlife Biologist Judy Camuso also attended as IF & W representatives. Nearly 70 people participated in a lively and informative question and answer period.



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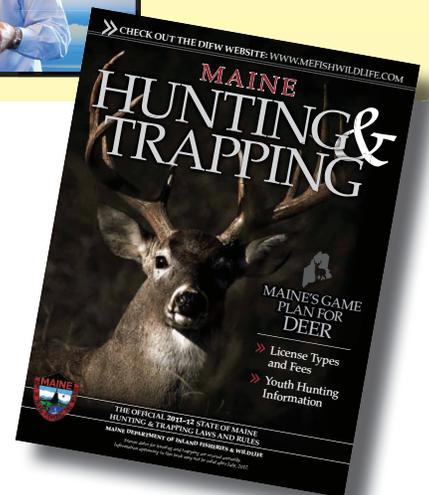
This week the front office of the Department received and replied to:

- 892 Phone calls
- 550 Emails
- 87 Walk-ins



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MAINE WARDEN SERVICE

MEMA Director Rob McAleer presents a certificate of achievement to Warden Lt. Kevin Adam.

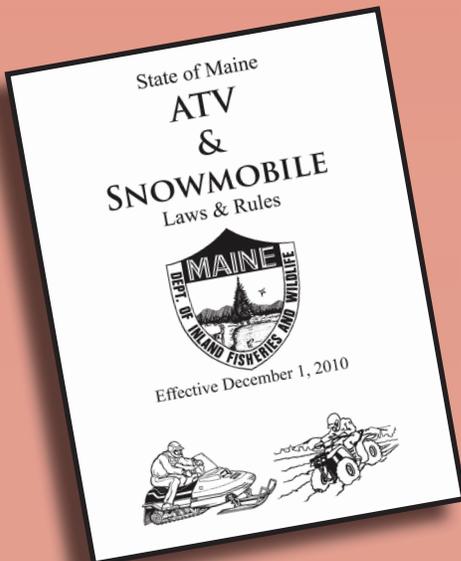
Game Warden Lt. Kevin Adam has completed the recognition program for Incident Commander under the National All Hazards Incident Management program. Lt. Adam completed a series of ICS training programs designed for specific position in ICS and will specialize as an Incident Commander Type 3: Search and Rescue.



Lt. Adam is a member of the State Incident Team (IMT) organized to respond to major disasters or events. The Team is part of a national strategy for managing incidents using specialized teams trained under a single National program. These teams can be deployed to other States to assist as required through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) signed by all US States, New Brunswick and Quebec, Canada.

The State team is comprised of members of the Maine Forest Service, State Police and Warden Service.

The Maine Warden Service's Outdoor Partners Program Trailer continues to be a popular draw at events around Maine. On October 8, the trailer will be at the Quality Deer Management Association Banquet in Machias. For more information on the QDMA event, click [here](#).



The MWS sends out another warning to ATV operators and riders, as they responded to two very serious ATV accidents over the weekend.

ATV Accidents At Opposite Ends of State Demonstrate Need for Caution

Two separate ATV accidents on Saturday evening, one in Robbinston (Washington County) and one in Sumner (Oxford County) hospitalized several people with serious injuries and resulted in one fatality.

"As always, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Maine Warden Service urge ATV operators and riders to use caution, drive at a safe speed and wear helmets", stated Department Spokesperson Edie Smith.

In Robbinston, an ATV accident sent two people to Calais Regional Hospital. One ATV was attempting to pass another ATV and they touched tires and both went into the woods, hitting large trees. None of the three individuals on the two ATVs were wearing helmets. Speed was determined to be a cause of the accident, which is under investigation by the Maine Warden Service, led by Warden Brad Richard.

In Sumner, Peter Harrington, age 35, of Sumner was operating his ATV on Abbott Hill Road with his 11 year old stepson as a passenger. The ATV crashed on an uphill portion of the dirt road and the ATV hit a tree at a high rate of speed. Reconstruction of the accident has determined that the ATV hit the tree head on, and the investigation continues, although wardens report that speed was certainly a factor. Mr. Harrington died later of his injuries and his stepson was released from the hospital with cuts and bruises. Assisting the Maine Warden Service, led by Warden Anthony Gray, were the Maine State Police, Oxford County Sheriff's Office and Sumner Fire Department

****PLEASE DRIVE SAFELY****

WILDLIFE DIVISION

Update on new law effecting Wolf Hybrids in Maine: DIF&W and the Dept. of Agriculture are issuing a message this week to inform wolf hybrid owners and others of the changes resulting from LD 11, An Act to Regulate the Keeping of Wolf Hybrids. DIF&W is coordinating the enforcement of the new law with the Division of Animal and Plant Health within the Dept. of Agriculture. Click [here](#) to read the message from the two Departments.

FISHERIES & HATCHERIES DIVISION

Field Research: Last week Commissioner Woodcock discussed fishing initiatives with anglers and guides around the Rangeley Lakes area. The Commissioner “researched” a sampling of local brook trout and landlocked salmon.



On Saturday, many DIF&W staff attended the funeral of Thomas L. Carbone, 75, a long-time Dept. employee who passed away Sept. 14. Tom was a tremendous photographer and a tireless worker for DIF&W in the Augusta office and beyond. While working for the Department, he attended and coordinated many exhibits promoting Maine's fishing and wildlife industry. His favorite show was the Big E, Eastern States Exposition, West Springfield, Mass., every September. Having done this show for more than 30 years, he was selected to be a trustee of the Maine Building, a post that he held until his death. Tom is survived by his wife Deborah, his three children, Michelle, Christopher, David and their families.

INFORMATION & EDUCATION

This past week, DIF&W partnered with the Maine Office of Tourism to attend the “Big E” Exposition in West Springfield, MA. Shown here working at the “Final Charge” display are Warden Doug Kulis, Traci Bushey of the Ashland Headquarters, I&E Director Edie Smith, and Warden Alan Curtis with his K-9, Cruiser. Cruiser was the most popular member of the work group, attracting great attention, educating people about Maine’s K-9 program.



Warning on invasive bugs: In partnership with our friends at the Maine Dept. of Conservation, we are warning hunters to be very careful with their firewood. The Maine Legislature passed a law making it illegal to bring any firewood into the state of Maine, in fear of invasive bugs traveling into the state. DOC has an aggressive program to enforce the law, and is distributing this poster to warn of the dangers. For more information:

www.maine.gov/firewood

FRYEBURG FAIR – YOU DON’T WANT TO MISS THE DIF&W BOOTH!

October 2-9

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DIF&W annually enjoys an active week at the Fryeburg Fair – and this year, our presence is bigger than ever! Our booth will be filled with great DIF&W merchandise for sale; and the display will include not only Maine’s “The Final Charge” locked-antler moose display, but the “Forever Locked” moose display from New Hampshire as well. Double the awe! And this year, DIF&W is partnering with Poland Spring and there will be a 125 gallon fish tank for your enjoyment, filled with brook trout, brown trout, landlocked salmon and rainbow trout, from two fish hatcheries in Maine. Please attend and visit the DIF&W displays in the Natural Resources Center!

