

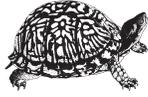


Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife

Weekly Report

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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

We welcome a new member to the Advisory Council, Robert Savage of Limington, who will be representing York County and we thank Ron Usher for his dedicated service to the Council. Re-appointed to the Council by the Governor was Richard Thurston of Scarborough, who represents Cumberland County. The rest of the members continue to serve their terms and you can find a full roster of all the members [here](#).

This coming week, the Commissioner is busy with meetings concerning Land for Maine's Future; Outdoor Heritage Grants; Milfoil, and Baxter State Park Authority.

The next Sportsman's Forum is:

Monday October 17, 2011 5:00 -8:00 PM
Southern Maine Fish and Game
30 Martin Road, Kittery
Contact: John Tuttle 439-4545

INFORMATION CENTER

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

- 1,031 Phone calls
- 543 Emails
- 90 Walk-ins



Missed an issue?

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MAINE WARDEN SERVICE

[Applications now being accepted for Wiggie Robinson Legendary Maine Guide Nominations](#)

The relationship between the Maine Warden Service, the entire Department and all our Maine Guides is important to our work in fish and wildlife. Annually, a Maine Guide is honored with the Wiggie Robinson Legendary Maine Guide Award. Click [here](#) for information on how to nominate a deserving individual.

Last year's recipient was Gary Corson of New Sharon. You can read about Gary [here](#).

It is hunting season! Bear, moose, ruffed grouse, pheasant, duck, small game, zone 2 turkey (archery)...not to mention some great fall fishing opportunities. Wardens are working hard throughout the state as the woods get busier. But they always fit in extra events:

Warden Steve Couture participated in a public speaking event at the Waterville Elks Lodge where the Masons and Elks fingerprinted and photographed children of local families. Law enforcement and public service agencies were represented in an effort to show the children the various uniforms and roles that first responders play when they may encounter those in uniform.

Last Saturday, Wardens Chad Abbott, Kevin Pelkey and Adrian Marquis participated in a benefit skeet shoot at the Presque Isle Fish and Game Club, to benefit Forest Ranger Jeremiah Crockett who is in a battle with a rare form of cancer. The shoot was well attended by agencies from around the State. The Presque Isle Fish and Game Club provided the facility, all the clay pigeons and staffed the launchers free of charge so all the monies could go directly to Ranger Crockett.



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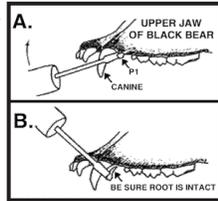
WILDLIFE DIVISION

November advertisement in the Maine Sportsman and Northwoods Sporting Journal



Hunters helping MDTIFW...with important research!

Jen Vashon, bear and lynx biologist, on the fact that hunters are now required to submit a tooth when they register their bear: "Knowing the age of the harvested bears provides a valuable tool for monitoring the health of Maine's black bear population, thus determining the effectiveness of our management programs and contributing to a stable bear population."



2010 Bear Season Tooth Age results:
http://maine.gov/ifw/hunting_trapping/hunting/bearTooth2011.htm



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Lee Kantar, deer and moose biologist, on why we measure antlers and pull teeth from deer at tagging stations statewide: "It's very important to deer management to be clear on aging. We look at their teeth at this time of year, and we also use yearling body weights and the thickness of the antler beams to give us an indication of whether we have too many deer or too few deer in an area. They've always been good indicators."

If you hunt during the November week, in WMDs 1-8, you are required to submit your moose ovaries at the time of registration, in addition, everyone must submit a moose tooth: "The ovaries give us an idea of how productive the population is going to be each spring. Simply put, it can tell us how many (moose) calves per female will be birthed each May." - Lee Kantar



Apprentice Trapping License Now Available – for sale as of Sept. 28.

An apprenticeship trapping license permits a person 16 years of age or older who has never trapped or taken a trapper safety course, to trap under the supervision of a person at least 18 years of age who has held a valid trapping license for 3 consecutive years. The supervisor would be responsible for ensuring that the holder of the apprenticeship license follows safe and ethical trapping protocol as well as all trapping laws. A person may only hold this license once and in order for that person to obtain a regular license, they would still be required to take the appropriate trapper safety course(s). For more information, see [Apprenticeship Trapping License](#).

MAINE WILDLIFE PARK

Irene Damage

The Park lost four large picnic area white pines, half of our giant maple tree in front of the office, and several other trees and limbs around the park. In fact, park staff and volunteers hauled nearly 30 dump truck loads of limbs and branches out of the park.

Events

Our fourth annual Rick Charette Concert was a success thanks to the event's co-sponsors; Harvest Hill Farms and the Friends of the Maine Wildlife Park. The event brought in over 1,300 people and was a big hit for those attending. The following day was Grandparents Day, which brought in a record-breaking 163 grandmothers and grandfathers, as well as a fleet of about 20 Model-T classic automobiles!

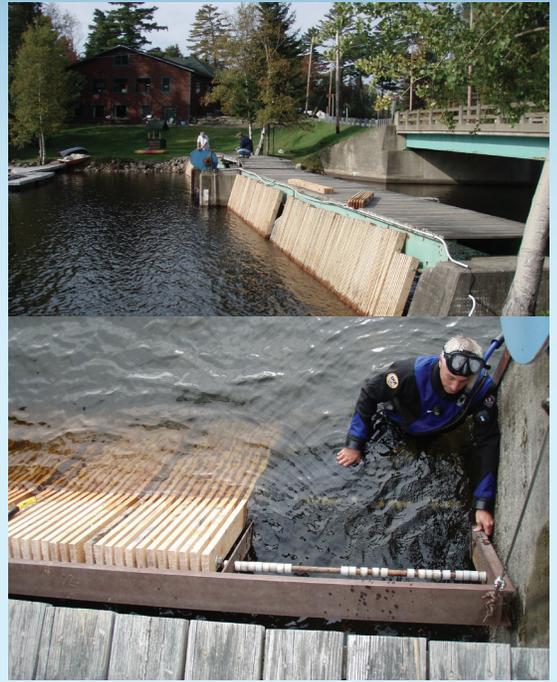
Animal Updates

We've had to say goodbye to a couple of our residents this month. Our juvenile coyote has been placed with a rehabilitator. On a sadder note, our very old black porcupine died last week after succumbing to a severe infection.

FISHERIES & HATCHERIES DIVISION

Report from Dave Boucher, Regional Fishery Biologist, Rangeley Lakes Region:

An icon in the Rangeley Region has gained new life. The fish screen on the outlet of Rangeley Lake, which has been in place for many, many decades, was completely refurbished in a cooperative effort involving the Town of Rangeley, M&H Construction of Rangeley, NextEra Energy biologists, volunteers from the River's Edge Sports Shop in Oquossoc, and DIF&W biologists. The Rangeley Lake fish screen is one of the few remaining in the state. In Rangeley Lake's case, maintaining a screen gives IFW a slight advantage in managing the lake's fabulous landlocked salmon fishery. IFW biologists have more control over salmon numbers, and consequently more control over growth rates and size quality, because the screen prevents salmon from migrating to downstream lakes from where they could not return over the Rangeley Lake Dam.



INFORMATION & EDUCATION



This Week! Visit our awesome booth at the Fryeburg Fair, complete with DIF&W merchandise, a 125 gallon fish tank (partnering with Poland Spring) and the locked-antler moose display "The Final Charge".



October 2-9, 2011

[Click Here](#)

to see the Fair schedule and events

THE MAINE SNOWMOBILE ASSOCIATION PRESENTS
2011 Maine Snowmobile Show
OCTOBER 7-9, 2011
AUGUSTA CIVIC CENTER, AUGUSTA MAINE

Visit the DIF&W booth at this weekend's 2011 Maine Snowmobile Show at the Augusta Civic Center October 7-8-9. The DIF&W booth will be manned by Recreational Safety and Vehicle Coordinator Mike Sawyer and our great group of Safety Instructors – please stop by and see the latest safety materials!

Did You Know?

Fact of the Week from the Maine Wildlife Park

Q: How much grain do the 2 moose at the Maine Wildlife Park eat?

A: Over 10,000 pounds at a cost of over \$4,500 dollars!