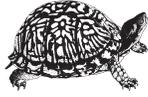




# Weekly Report

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## OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

We were very pleased this week to announce that Mark Latti will be back at DIF&W on October 17 in the position of Recreational Access and Landowner Relations Coordinator. To read the full press release [click here](#).



The Commissioner's schedule this coming week includes visits to the Dry Mills Hatchery and Steep Bank Pool; and he will be attending the Landowner/Land User of the Year Awards event at the Augusta Civic Center, sponsored by the Maine Snowmobile Association.

### 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:

- 1,094 Phone calls
- 520 Emails
- 74 Walk-ins



**Missed an issue?**

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## FISHERIES & HATCHERIES DIVISION

### Little Concord Pond (Oxford County) Reclamation a Success!

Report from DIF&W Regional Fisheries Biologist Francis Brautigam:

*There's certainly no shortage of people to thank and recognize in association with the Department's recent reclamation of Little Concord Pond. The level of support and on-the-ground assistance from participating agencies and nongovernmental organizations was remarkable and absolutely critical to the successful completion of this brook trout enhancement project. This project involved a highly coordinated and collaborative "team effort".*

*Thanks to Department of Conservation, Department of Environmental Protection, Berry Logging, Biodiversity Research Institute, Sebago Chapter of Trout Unlimited, Mollyocket Chapter of TU and all Divisions of DIF&W and many of our biologists, including Engineer Ron Taylor and his staff.*



Lance Wheaton, Advisory Council member (Washington County), sent in these photos of DIF&W Fisheries Regional Biologist Nels Cramer who recently checked and weighed salmon on East Grand Lake. Thank you, Lance!



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## WILDLIFE DIVISION

Eider rescue: Back in August, Game Warden Jim Fahey successfully captured a drake common eider that was landlocked in a mud puddle off the Odlin Road in Bangor. The eider was quickly handed over to Bird Group Leader, Brad Allen. Brad congratulated Jim on his capture and identification skills, banded the young male eider, and gave him a ride to Stockton Springs and the waters of Penobscot Bay. Allen surmised that the bird had difficulty flying as he was just beginning to replace his flight feathers. All common eiders molt and replace their feathers in late July or August, rendering them flightless for a period of about 4 weeks.



## INFORMATION & EDUCATION

### News received this week from Scott Olsen at the UMaine 4-H Camp & Learning Center in Bryant Pond:

We had over 800 young people join us for summer, 2011. Each one made his or her unique contribution to our camp community, making it one of the most successful and memorable seasons ever! Our traditional Conservation curriculum enjoys continued support from the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, and is now complemented by advanced hunting and shooting sports programs. Our Woodcraft Path continues to take the lead within the State of Maine, setting the standard for the Junior Maine Guide Program. And this year Bryant Pond was able to boast a 100% pass rate at the Junior Maine Guide testing encampment in Oquossoc. We also added exciting new programming options for our younger campers, including "Warden Camp" and, back as a favorite from 2010, "Pioneer Camp."

The Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund (MOHF) has been helping to fund conservation and wildlife projects throughout the state since it was created by the Legislature in 1996. Supported through proceeds from the MOHF Lottery Ticket, MOHF finds its funds lagging while grant proposals continue to pour in. Please help us spread the word about the latest ticket, "Turkey Tripler".

**The more tickets that are sold,  
the more projects can be funded!**

For more information about the Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund and the MOHF Lottery Ticket, [click here](#).



## IF&W RETIREMENTS

DIF&W has experienced many retirements of key personnel from the Fisheries Division, Wildlife Division and Maine Warden Service. A previous edition of the Weekly Report featured an article on Sandy Ritchie, retired Wildlife Biologist, and upcoming editions will include articles featuring other recent retirees, including Mark Stadler of the Wildlife Division and Peter Bourque of the Fisheries Division. The following announcement was made this week by John Boland, the Director of the Bureau of Resource Management:

*"I'm pleased to announce that Jim Connolly has graciously agreed to serve as Acting Director of the Wildlife Division. Jim met several times with Mark Stadler to discuss ongoing efforts, initiatives and concerns. I'm also pleased to announce that Todd Langevin has agreed to serve as Acting Director of the Fisheries Division. Todd will be working with Peter Bourque and will assume this role on October 17. "*

## MAINE WARDEN SERVICE

At the Fryeburg Fair, DIF&W personnel were pleased to have Camilla Nutter stop by. Camilla is the mother of Daryl Gordon, our Game Warden Pilot who died in a plane crash last March. It was wonderful to see Camilla and welcome her to the booth. Shown in the photo with Camilla is Sgt. Tim Place, Warden Kris Barboza, and Recreational Safety Director Mike Sawyer.



### You are cordially invited to attend the **4th Annual Fallen Officers Tribute Run**

In recognition of the 15 Wardens that have given the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty, Maine Game Wardens will carry our fallen heroes flag over from the Maine Criminal Justice Academy to the Maine Law Enforcement Memorial.

**EOW: MARCH 24, 2011**  
At the memorial, there will be a recognition ceremony and comments by staff.

**Date: Wednesday, October 19, 2011**

**Time: 1:00 p.m.**

**Place: Fallen Officers Memorial  
State Street, Augusta**

Refreshments will be served, following the ceremony, at the main office, 284 State Street, upstairs conference room.

Please R.S.V.P. by Friday, October 14, 2011  
to Denise Brann 207-287-2766  
or by email: [Denise.MooreBrann@maine.gov](mailto:Denise.MooreBrann@maine.gov)

It has been another extremely busy week for Maine Game Wardens with hunting season in full swing: bear, moose, duck, grouse, rabbits and other small game. We have had lost hikers, lost hunters, bear attacks, ATV accidents and boating incidents. Just a few of the many field reports:

- Warden Rick Clowry has been checking several bird, rabbit and moose hunters. One party of rabbit hunters had 10 by noon and was heading back to MA. Bird hunters were having some success as well. Vehicle checks were done last Saturday and over 360 grouse were checked in 200+ vehicles.
- Wardens continue to receive nuisance bear complaints on MDI and Deer Isle as well as nuisance deer complaints on MDI. Nuisance bear complaints also seem to be on the rise in the Falmouth and Yarmouth areas.
- Warden Scott Osgood taught the law portion of an ATV safety course at the Airline Snack Bar in Beddington. There were 29 students in the class. Warden Joseph Gardner attended an archery safety class in Perry and also covered crossbow information for those attending.

*Lt Kevin Adam sent the moose photo above.*