



Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife

Weekly Report

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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

This coming week, the Commissioner finishes up the Public Hearings on the proposed fishing regulations; and on Wednesday, Nov. 9 he is attending a Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund Board meeting and a Natural Resource Agency Task Force meeting.

Other upcoming events:

Maine BASS Federation Annual Banquet

Saturday, November 12

Lewiston, Maine

Featured speakers:

Commissioner Chandler Woodcock

Author Don Barone of Bassmaster magazine

The next two Sportsman's Forums with Commissioner Woodcock:

Bucks Mills Rod & Gun Club, Bucksport, ME

Wednesday, Nov. 16 6-8 PM

Contact: Frank Dunbar 469-2388

Kezar Falls Rod & Gun Club

Sacopee Valley Middle School, South Hiram ME

Sunday, Nov. 20 6-8 PM

Includes dinner with wild game recipes!

Contact: Barry Hadlock 625-4347

INFORMATION CENTER

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

- 925 Phone calls
- 393 Emails
- 62 Walk-ins



Missed an issue?

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MAINE WILDLIFE PARK

VETERANS DAY / CLOSING DAY FOR THE PARK

The Maine Wildlife Park will close for the 2011 season on Friday, November 11th at 5:00pm. Since Friday is also Veteran's Day, the park will recognize and thank all past and present Maine military personnel and veterans for their service to our country by offering free park admission for each and their immediate families on our final day of operation for 2011.



The wildlife park has seen steady attendance at big events such as the annual "Nite Hike", Pow-Wow, Rick Charette concert and HalloweenFests this year. We would like to thank all of our patrons for visiting us during this season, and hope to see everyone back in 2012.

Make a plan to visit the park one more time in the next week to see and photograph our big bull moose sporting his 58" rack of antlers. You can also check out the bears, fattening and furring



up for their winter sleep, appreciate the deer with their rich brown winter coats and full sets of antlers, and admire the foxes and coyotes in their luxurious winter fur.

Photos: Red Fox; George, the moose, with his fans



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WILDLIFE DIVISION

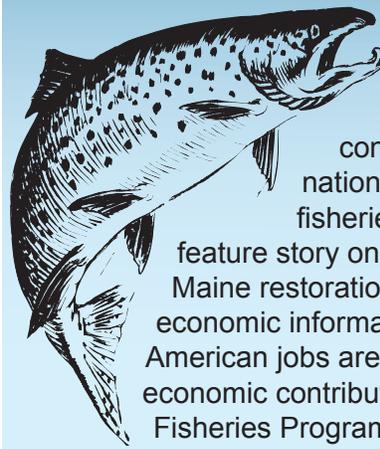
DEER RESEARCH ON CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE:

Each year Wildlife Division staff collect biological samples from hunter harvested deer to determine whether any deer have been infected by Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD). Chronic Wasting Disease is a terminal disease that affects animals in the deer family. It has been documented in 15 states, including New York. Biological samples on hunter harvested deer are collected during the November firearms season. In addition biologists extract ~700 tissue samples from deer to test for the presence of CWD. These efforts consist of biologists looking at over 20% of the registered deer harvest as well as sorting through these deer to adequately sample deer (lymphoid and brainstem tissues) for our federally supported CWD surveillance protocol. This field work requires much travel and time to cover the state and IFW annually hires additional seasonal staff, across the state, to assist.

During the 2nd week of November biologists and contractors will be at 13 registration stations throughout northern Maine to collect moose biological data as well as cow reproductive tract tissues in a concerted effort to collect and evaluate moose productivity in Maine.



FISHERIES & HATCHERIES DIVISION



DIF&W Regional Fisheries Biologist Bob VanRiper sends us the link to an exciting website containing information on the national economic impact of fisheries. The website also has a feature story on SHARE – the Downeast Maine restoration of Atlantic Salmon. The economic information cites that 68,000 American jobs are attributable to the economic contribution of The National Fisheries Program; \$3.6 billion dollars total economic impact of tax dollars invested into National Fisheries Program and \$28:\$1 economic returns generated per tax dollar invested.

To read the report and its Executive Summary [click here](#).

MEDIA

DIF&W tries to work closely with state, regional and national media. Two recent interviews/videos highlight Maine:

Maine's Deer and Moose Biologist, Lee Kantar, was interviewed by the Outdoor Channel

[Click here to read](#)

I&E's Lisa Kane was involved in the production of "Maine Streets and Back Roads: Rangeley Lakes", airing November 7 at 7:30 PM on WCVB ABC TV.

[Click here to watch](#)

INFORMATION & EDUCATION

Project WILD

Lisa Kane, State Project WILD Coordinator, taught a 4 hour Project WILD Basic workshop to 21 Unity College freshman and sophmores this week. This workshop class introduces students to a variety of current Maine wildlife topics, the basics of wildlife management, and teaching methodology in the context of hands on, multidisciplinary activities that can be used with children of all ages. Lisa usually teaches 1-2 classes at Unity College each year. Many of these students work for DIFW later on in their careers.

Speaking Engagements

Emily MacCabe, DIF&W's Public Relations Representative and Outdoor Educator will be the guest speaker at a meeting of the Sheepscot Lake Fish and Game Club on Friday, November 11. The public is invited to attend at the club's headquarters at 19 Leeman Arm in Palermo. Potluck Supper starts at 6:30 PM. Contact: Clubhouse 993-2447. Emily will be talking about the Department's outdoor programs such as "Hooked on Fishing, Not on Drugs" and BOW - "Becoming an Outdoors Woman". Emily is also a fly fishing instructor for the "Casting for Recovery" Program.

Edie Smith, Director of Information and Education for the Department, will be the guest speaker at the Winthrop Chamber of Commerce meeting on December 1. Edie will speak to Chamber members at their monthly breakfast meeting about the I&E Programs of the Department and some of the new initiatives such as the Predation Management Advisory Group and the Nonresident Hunter Task Force. State Representative Pat Flood of Winthrop invited Edie to speak to the Chamber.

MAINE WARDEN SERVICE



Our friend, Bill Green, from WCSH, alerted us to a unique rescue this past week of a moose rescue by Warden Neal Wykes. The moose had fallen into a bog hole. The bog hole was estimated to be at least 8' deep as the bull was standing on its' hind legs and only its' head and neck were above water. The two hunters who reported this, and Warden Neal Wykes who came to the rescue, did an awesome job and without their involvement, this moose would certainly have died.



Photos show the moose being successfully pulled out using straps.



The recent Fallen Officer Run, with over 40 Maine Wardens participating, has been captured in a 2 minute video, produced by the Maine Warden Service, Corporal John MacDonald and Paul Michaud of Patra Company.

[Click here](#) to view the video.

RETIREMENTS

Steve Timpano

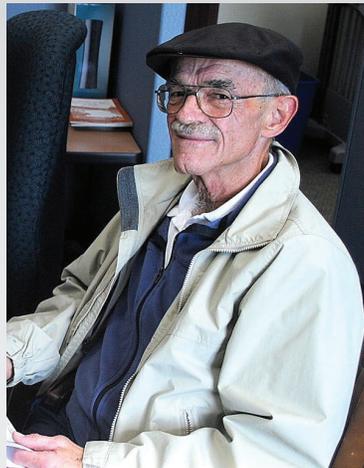
After 43 years at the Department, Steve Timpano retired recently.

Timpano served IFW for more than 30 years as the Environmental Coordinator, taking the position in 1980. The Gardiner resident worked diligently at helping alleviate development concerns while protecting Maine's natural resource interests.

"It's been a grand tour," Timpano said. "The time here, doing environmental coordination, it was just a constant educational experience. I really enjoyed working with very interesting development challenges and a lot of good people over the years."

Timpano said he's still settling into the idea of retirement and plans to spend a fair amount of time on maintenance and repair work to both his home and his camp in New Hampshire.

Before working as an Environmental Coordinator, Timpano spent 12 years in IFW's Fisheries Division. He spent his first six years, beginning in 1968, as an assistant fisheries biologist in Ashland before moving to Enfield to become the regional fisheries biologist there in 1974.



Lt. Dan Scott served as media spokesperson during the past week, working with the press concerning the three hunting incidents which resulted in one fatality and two injuries. Shown here is Lt. Scott being interviewed by News Channel 8 at the scene of the fatal hunting incident in Sebago. The Maine Warden Service, and the entire Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife have strongly stressed the law which mandates "100 percent identification" of a target while hunting. Other safety tips provided by the Dept. were recently published in the Portland Press Herald:

SAFETY TIPS

- Always completely identify a target before shooting.
- Wear a hunter orange hat and vest or jacket.
- Identify yourself to other hunters in the area.
- Keep the gun's safety on whenever you are not intending to shoot.
- Carry a cellphone and compass.
- Let someone know your location.

