

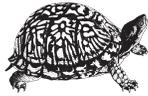


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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER



The Webb River Sportsmen's Club of Dixfield, Maine recently hosted a Sportsmen's Forum attended by IF&W Commissioner Chandler Woodcock, Maine Warden Sgt. Tony Hughes, Warden Kris MacCabe, Fisheries Biologist Dave Bushey, Wildlife Biologist Chuck Hulse, Public Relations Representative Emily MacCabe and Outreach Coordinator Ben Tucker. A lively Q&A session preceded a delicious supper of homemade beef stew. Nearly 65 members and guests were in attendance. Commissioner Woodcock also got the opportunity to inspect the Club's outstanding shooting range. Thanks to all who helped make this such an enjoyable event.



INFORMATION CENTER

Despite the short week due to the snowstorm on Wednesday and the Thanksgiving holiday, the Info Center was busy last week:

- 558 Phone calls
- 94 Emails
- 28 Walk-ins



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INFORMATION & EDUCATION

2012 SPORTSMAN'S SHOW SCHEDULE

DIF&W has expanded the list of Sportsman's Shows it will be attending in 2012. Organized by I&E's Emily MacCabe, DIF&W will have informational booths, new materials and personnel at the following shows:

The Fly Fishing Show – Garden State Convention Center, Somerset, NJ
January 27-29, 2012

Eastern Sports and Outdoor Show – Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex, Harrisburg, PA
February 4-12, 2012

Boston Globe Travel Show – Seaport World Trade Center, Boston, MA
February 10-12, 2012

Salon Expert Chasse Peche et Camping (Hunting, Fishing & Camping Show)– Place Bonaventure – Montreal
February 23-26, 2012

World Fishing & Outdoor Expo – SUNY Rockland Community College, Suffern, NY
March 1-4, 2012

New York Times Travel Show – Jacob Javits Convention Center, New York, NY
March 2-4, 2012

DIF&W will also be at the four In-State Maine Sportsman Shows:

Eastern Maine Sportsman Show, Orono – March 9-11, 2012

Pine Tree State Sportsman Show, Winslow – March 16-18, 2012

Northern Maine Sportsman Show, Presque Isle – March 23-25, 2012

State of Maine Sportsman Show, Augusta – March 30-April 1, 2012



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Maine Sporting Heritage 1870-1970

Swan Island
Maine Wildlife Park

Field and Stream and Trout Unlimited National Ranking

Maine has been listed in Field and Stream Magazine as one of six "Best Wild Places" for fishing. We are listed #2 after White River, Colorado and before South Lake Tahoe, California; Tongass National Forest, Alaska; Dolores River, Colorado and Clearwater Country, Idaho.



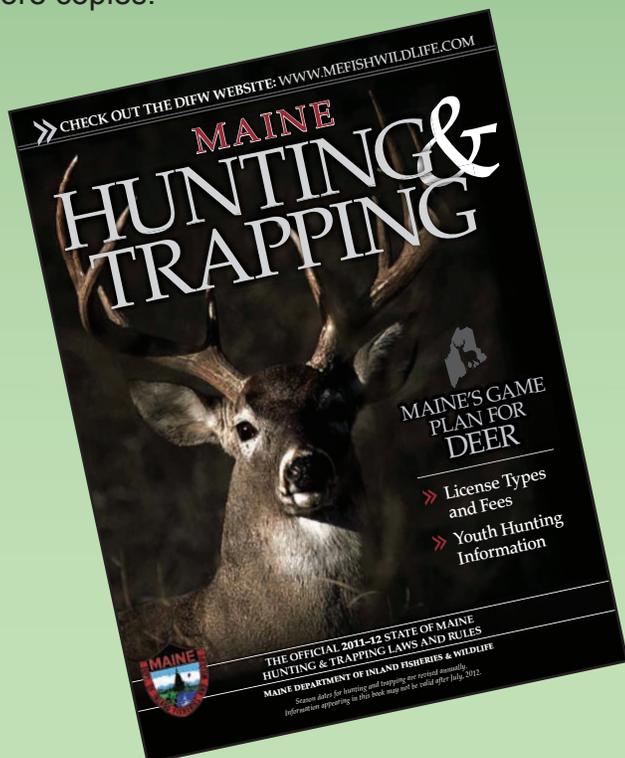
The article states: "The north woods of Maine...this area is home to the largest swath of intact brook trout habitat in the nation and serves as a laboratory for brook trout restoration efforts all along the eastern seaboard....Maine remains the last brook trout stronghold in the country."

For the full article, [click here](#).

WILDLIFE DIVISION

Need more copies of the 2011-2012 Maine Hunting and Trapping Book?

The Department ordered another 50,000 copies as they have flown off the shelves here in Augusta and at agent stores and locations through the state. With demand outpacing supply, we ordered more! Visit your local agent or drop by DIF&W's Augusta headquarters for more copies.



FISHERIES & HATCHERIES DIVISION



Commissioner Chandler Woodcock joined John Boland, Todd Langevin and Francis Brautigam in the Augusta office this week for a meeting about Maine's brown trout.

Fisheries biologists are currently conducting a study of a new strain of brown trout in response to concerns about the quality and performance of the current brown trout being stocked in Maine waters.

Report from Regional Fisheries Biologist Tim Obrey

Photos show the fish trapping operation on the Roach River and Tim, with fellow biologist Jeff Bagley, working on the catch.



Roach River weir work allowed biologists to gather information on the spawning run of wild salmon and brook trout in the Roach River.

We captured 270 brook trout and 360 salmon moving upstream in the Roach River. The brook trout averaged 14.8 inches. This was about an inch larger than last year. The salmon averaged 16.8 inches. This was nearly identical to last year. Both brook trout and salmon were much fatter this year than last year.

We utilized several tagging methods again this fall on the male fish caught in the weir. We implanted 44 radio transmitters in male salmon. These large tags can be tracked by plane, on foot, or by boat at anytime. We also implanted PIT (Passive Integrated Transponder) tags in 90 male brook trout and 147 male salmon. These smaller tags must pass through an antenna to be detected and we have an antenna setup at the weir site. This will allow us to detect



when the fish move out of the river after spawning this fall and if they return next year. We will have more information on the Roach River weir study in future fishing reports.

MAINE WARDEN SERVICE



DIF&W enjoys getting photos showing what tremendous game we have here in our state - Warden Kevin Pelkey from our Northeastern Division sent us this photo of hunter Roy Guidry and the bear he tagged at Ben's Trading Post in Presque Isle – Roy works for the Washburn Police Department. *Photo by Ken Lamb.*



Starting 'em young: Warden Sgt. Dave Craven from Washington County sent in this photo of his son Barret and grandson Isaac with their deer!

MDIFW's December advertisement in the Maine Sportsman and Northwoods Sporting Journal publications.

Gift giving season is right around the corner...

...we have things to please everyone on your list!



BUY LICENSES

You can purchase hunting and fishing licenses for yourself or anyone on your list. In addition, you can purchase a Superpack or a Supersport!

REGISTRATIONS

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We sell items that people will love to receive as gifts. Hats, shirts, vests, books, prints, pint glasses, mugs, and our latest, Tervis Tumblers!



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