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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR ARTHUR ROGERS, DIV. B, WATERVILLE OCT. 30:

WARDEN ORAL D. PAGE, BELGRADE: HUNTING PRESSURE IS QUITE HEAVY IN THE SMALL PORTION OF THE CENTRAL ZONE IN THE NORRIDGEWOCK-MERCER AREA THAT LIES BETWEEN ROUTE 2 AND THE KENNEBEC AND SANDY RIVERS. DEER HERDS IN THIS AREA GET DRASTICALLY REDUCED BY A CONCENTRATION OF HUNTERS IN A SMALL AREA. WITH SUPERVISOR ARTHUR ROGERS, I HAD TO REMOVE A DEER FROM THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN FAIRFIELD AFTER SHE HAD JUMPED THROUGH A WINDOW. WARDEN GEORGE NASH, WHITEFIELD: DEER ARE COMING INTO THE FIELDS AT NIGHT NOW. HAVING A LOT OF DOG-DEER TROUBLE.

WARDEN DONIS WHEATON, WEST MINOT: DUCK HUNTERS HAD LESS SUCCESS THAN THEY HAD LAST YEAR DURING THE FIRST HALF OF THE SEASON. MANY BLAME IT ON THE LATE OPENING. BIRD HUNTERS HAVE HAD GOOD SHOOTING SO FAR THIS FALL, AND THEY SEEM VERY PLEASED WITH THE LARGE NUMBER OF PARTRIDGE SEEN AND TAKEN.

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR DAVID PRIEST, DIV. G, LINCOLN CENTER, NOV. 11:

NEITHER HUNTERS NOR DEER ARE SHOWING UP AT PRESENT. I DON'T REMEMBER ANY YEAR IN RECENT TIMES WHEN THERE WERE SO FEW HUNTERS. VERY NOISY HUNTING. MINK AND MUSKRAT TRAPPERS ARE DOING QUITE WELL. I BELIEVE THAT MANY OF OUR BEAR HAVE DENNED OR ARE SEMI-DENNED AS THERE ARE SO FEW REPORTS OF THEM BEING SEEN. NIGHT HUNTING ACTIVITY SEEMS TO BE VERY LIGHT. THERE IS SOME ROAD HUNTING AT NIGHT, ESPECIALLY THESE MOONLIGHT NIGHTS. STILL QUITE A FEW DUCKS ALONG THE PENOBSCOT RIVER.

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR WALLACE BARRON DIV. I, BINGHAM, NOV. 10:

INSPECTOR CHARLES TOBIE, GREENVILLE: MOST SMALL PONDS AND MANY STREAMS SEALED OVER WITH ICE DURING THIS PAST WEEK. DEER REGISTRATION IN THE UPPER DIVISION IS RUNNING AHEAD OF LAST YEAR. HUNTING CONDITIONS FOR THE HOLIDAY ARE NOT PROMISING; CRUSTY SNOW AND FROZEN BARE GROUND MAKE FOR HARD STILL HUNTING.

WARDENS GEORGE EDWARDS, PITTSTON FARM AND WARDEN LOWELL THOMAS, NORTH EAST CARRY: DEER HUNTERS ARE NOT PLENTIFUL.

SUPERVISOR BARRON: HEAVY MIGRATION OF WATERFOWL DURING THE CLOSED SEASON.

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FROM BIOLOGY AIDE MYRON SMART, MILO: OCT 31:

HUNTING CONDITIONS GOOD -- KILL 20 PER CENT ABOVE LAST YEAR,
NONRESIDENTS ACCOUNTING FOR 40 PER CENT OF KILL IN MOOSEHEAD AND
PISCATAQUIS AREAS. ONE BUCK KILLED AT MISERY TOWN BY ELLSWORTH HAGEN
OF ROCKWOOD FIELD DRESSED AT 260 POUNDS. THIS IS THE LARGEST DEER I
HAVE EVER CHECKED. ANOTHER SHOT AT EAST MIDDLESEX TOWN WEIGHED 232.
SNOW CONDITIONS FAVORABLE FOR TWO DAYS.

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