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Commissioner's Column

Governor McKernan expressed his pleasure with Department operations and accomplishments last week when I met with him to review the goals and objectives we have set for the next year. The Governor is aware that the Department is facing growing public demand for programs and services as growth and the economy increases demands on natural resources and more people are looking for outdoor recreation opportunities. We spent some time discussing the professionalism and dedication of you—the Department employees—who are the ones responsible for allowing us to achieve those successful activities and accomplishments.

As we begin a busy field season I wanted to add my appreciation to that of the Governor's for the job which you are all doing and to say that your actions are helping us achieve great strides toward accomplishing our Vision which is to have the Department provide leadership and a good example of accomplishment and pride in serving the public and conserving natural resources.

Twice a year each Commissioner meets with the Governor to review goals and objectives for their Department. Commissioners in turn meet with their senior managers to establish goals and objectives for each program and division in the Departments. The purpose is to help focus our efforts and establish priorities. With the growing demands for services, maintenance needs and all of the other pressures that we face, the process of having to sit down and spend some time coming up with those objectives is enormously useful in helping us be better organized, set priorities and work with you to solve the problems that you bring to our attention. We certainly encourage each individual giving some personal attention to their own goals and priorities in your everyday work.

We are pleased to welcome Mr. Hartley La Duke who will join the Department May 22 as Director of Administrative Services.

The search for a new LURC Director is underway. We plan to complete interviews by the end of May and have a candidate to present to the LURC Commission for confirmation at the earliest possible time.

We are now heading into our busy period with the Legislature. Following adjournment in June, we look forward to the opportunity to get around the state and visit with many of you in the regions.

Ed Meadows

MFASIS

In order to meet the growing demands of State government in the areas of human resource and fiscal management, the State is preparing to implement major new computerized financial and administrative procedures called the Maine Financial and Administrative Statewide Administrative System (MFASIS). It will ultimately integrate the State's personnel, payroll, accounting, budget, and purchasing systems into one major computerized system.

The first portion of the system to come on line will be the personnel-payroll portion. This is scheduled to take effect sometime in October. The next major phase will be the accounting system which will take effect in January of 1990. While these time frames may seem to be a long way off there is a lot of work going on right now to make this happen. Prior to the actual implementation there will be considerable training of bureau administrative staffs as well as the central Administrative Services Division staff.

The benefits of going to an integrated computerized system is that it will provide much more accurate and timely information to aid us in managing our programs. It will also speed up the process of getting new employees into the system and for processing bills for payment.

We will keep you updated as to any changes that may affect you or the way in which you must deal with the administrative processes of the State.

Conservation Notebook

Joe Wiley, Wildlife Biologist and Don Kidder, Northern Region Forester, met with Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife staff to discuss deer wintering use on the Chamberlain Lake Unit, located along T7R12. They agreed to defer harvesting in that area for the next winter ... The Bigelow Forester position announcement has gone out to numerous agencies and individuals. The register will be open until May 15 ... Carol Holden and Steve Oliveri presented a training session on submerged lands to the LURC staff ... Steve Oliveri met with DECD staff to make final selections on coastal communities applying for planning grants ... Steve became President of the Maine Chapter of The Wildlife Society on April 20 ... Don Ouellette attended a Project Learning Tree Workshop ... Dick Bradbury trained Scott Paper Company foresters interested in forest regeneration insect problems ... Henry Trial and Dave Struble represented the Maine Forest Service at the Eastern Spruce Budworm Council meeting in Quebec ... Steve Curtis, BPR and Ken Spalding, MCC, have been selected to attend the Maine Management Institute ... Nine MCC corpsmembers have begun trail and campsite work at Camden Hills, Lake St. George, and Rangeley Lake State Parks.

MCC Yellowstone Crew

This summer the Maine Conservation Corps will participate in the rehabilitation of Yellowstone National Park following the fires of 1988. Over 500 participants from all across the country will be involved in the \$2.5 million dollar recovery program.

The project is a cooperative effort of the National Park Service, the Student Conservation Corps and the National Association of Service and Conservation Corps.

Potential team members between the ages of eighteen and twenty one who are economically disadvantaged, will be selected through Job Training Offices on a statewide competitive basis. Once the team is chosen, they will spend four weeks working on the Appalachian Trail before going to Wyoming for four weeks.

Grants

The Bureau of Parks and Recreation has just received notice that two of the Bureau's historic sites, Fort Knox in Prospect and Colonial Pemaquid in Bristol, will receive grants for restoration work from the Maine Historic Preservation Commission.

Fort Knox will benefit from a \$19,000 grant which will be used to design a new drainage system, develop specifications for a new roof, and conduct structural analysis. Colonial Pemaquid will receive \$10,000, which will fund archaeology and restoration work on one of the site's 17th century foundations. Both grants are possible through the State's historic buildings restoration grants program administered by the Maine Historic Preservation Commission. This year's successful proposals were written by acting Bureau of Parks and Recreation historian Steve Cole, with assistance from Mike Leighton, Brian Murray, Bill Cleaves, Fred Bartlett, Ron Hunt, and Steve Curtis.

National TV

Early morning television viewers across the country got a glimpse of SERVE/ME as NBC weather man, Willard Scott displayed a SERVE/ME tee shirt while thanking Maine's natural resource agency volunteers. National Volunteer Week in April provided the opportunity for Scott to commend SERVE/ME volunteers for their 14,000 hours of service to Maine in 1988.

Newsletter

The "Insect and Disease Condition" newsletter has started for the 1989 field season (two issues already out). Although primarily focused on pests of forest and shade trees, it also covers other pests of interest to field personnel. To subscribe, contact Dick Dearborn, Insect and Disease Management Lab, 50 Hospital Street, Augusta, Maine 04330. Dick is also interested in receiving information from any staff on noted pests or damage.

Personnel News

NEW HIRES

Dawn Pelletier - Clerk Typist II - Administrative Services
Patricia Gordon - Clerk Typist II - ATV
Richard Glidden - Communications Technician - Forestry
Robert McLain - Engineering Technician III - Engineering & Realty
Mary Ann Sargent - Account Clerk II (Payroll) - Administrative Services
Real Lizotte - Watchperson - Ossipee Mt., Forestry
Claudette Desautels - Watchperson - Pisgah Mt., Forestry
Roxanne Lattig - Watchperson - Almanac Mt., Forestry

PROMOTIONS

Jeff TenPas - Planning & Research Associate III - LURC
Gregg Hesslein - Seasonal Forest Ranger II to year round - Meddybemps, Forestry
Peter Pelletier - Seasonal Forest Ranger II to year round - Lee, Forestry

TRANSFERS

Michael Myster - District Ranger Cherryfield from Island Falls - Forestry
Albert Turner - Western Region Dispatcher, Greenville from Forest Ranger II - Forestry

Geology Education

The Maine Geological Survey was a major participant in the April 28-30 meeting of the National Association of Geology Teachers (New England section), which was held at USM in Gorham. The conference stressed environmental topics related to coastal and ground water geology, as well as mineral resources. Talks were given by Walter Anderson, Steve Dickson, Joe Kelley, Craig Neil, and John Williams.

Woody Thompson gave a series of talks on Maine minerals to earth science classes at Winthrop High School. Woody also led a weekend field trip for Wayne fifth-graders to Oxford County, and Troy Smith gave a talk on Maine geology to a fifth-grade class in Greene.

Least Tern Protection

The Bureau of Parks and Recreation, SERVE/Maine, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, and Maine Audubon will be cooperating in a project this spring to protect nesting least terns and piping plovers at Reid and Popham Beach State Parks.

This year's project represents an intensification of similar efforts in previous years. A special feature of the 1989 project will be work by volunteer park naturalists who will monitor the birds' activities and provide information to park visitors.

Department of Conservation staff Patty Bailey, Dalton Kirk, Ben Kreiton, Dave Percy and Libbey Seigars are involved in coordinating this effort, which they hope will result in a more productive nesting season for endangered terns and plovers.

SCORP

The Bureau of Parks and Recreation has recently received notice through Governor McKernan's office that the Maine State-wide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreational Plan, produced by the Bureau, has been approved by the National Park Service.

This plan, affectionately known as SCORP, makes Maine eligible for federal Land and Water Conservation Fund monies, and is also a valuable planning tool for communities and State agencies in their ongoing efforts to enhance and expand the State's open space and recreational resources. The SCORP planning process was guided by Herb Hartman, with writing and research by Bureau planning staff members Tom Cieslinski and Cindy Bastey. Marie Drew and Nancy Dodge provided invaluable clerical assistance in producing the report.

A special feature of SCORP this spring is the production of a set of ten color maps of federal and state recreation areas throughout Maine. The maps were produced through the State Planning Office with printing funded by the Bureau of Parks and Recreation. The maps and the SCORP report are available free of charge and can be obtained from Tom Cieslinski or Cindy Bastey.

Bonds

Tom Wood (LURC), Department Coordinator for the 1989 Savings Bond Campaign, reminds all Department employees to consider the advantages of buying bonds and especially the benefits of the payroll deduction plan. Each Bureau has a savings bond representative that has informational materials and enrollment cards. Please contact one of them or Tom for more information.

Matt Foust, Public Lands
Sheila McDonald, Parks
Lisa Sirois, Forestry
Mike Foley, Geology
Jerry Gaboury, Administrative Services

Leaving

Cathy Stultz is leaving the Maine Geological Survey for a new job at Maine Yankee in Wiscasset. Cathy has been at the Survey for seven years and will be greatly missed. Prior to working for Geology, Cathy worked in the Bureau of Parks and Recreation in the Keep Maine Scenic Program.

Jym St. Pierre began a new job with The Wilderness Society on May 8. According to the Associated Press, Jym will be the "point man" for the 275,000 member national conservation organization in its efforts to create a 2.7 million acre woods reserve surrounding Baxter State Park.

In his new position, Jym will be involved with public relations, research and education. He has worked for the Land Use Regulation Commission for the past 11 years in all of the agency's major programs. In 1987, he served as Acting Director of LURC. Prior to joining the Commission's staff, he was employed by the Bureau of Parks and Recreation for two years.

Jym is based in a new Wilderness Society office just opened in Augusta.

Paper Recycling

Governor McKernan has established mandatory recycling as one of the top priorities of his administration and has, by Executive Order, directed all state agencies to develop recycling plans which will minimize the amount of paper going to landfill areas.

Harlow Building workers are now separating recyclable paper (nearly every thing except food wrappers) from non-recyclable paper and other items. As a result, most waste paper is now being recycled.

Paper recycling at field offices will be addressed when the Department prepares its Recycling Plan. In the meantime, field office workers are encouraged to investigate the potential for recycling paper at their locations.

Information Please

We hope you find the information in the **Bulletin** and **A Report on Maine Forests Parks and Lands** useful and informative. We need your help with story ideas and information, so please call:

Judy Andrews, Administrative Services - 289-2214
Tom Driscoll, Forestry (FP&L) - 289-2610
Tom Wood, Land Use Regulation Commission - 289-4983
Sheila McDonald, Parks - 289-4951
Pat Simard, BPL (Bulletin) - 289-3064
Lisa Sirois, Forestry (Bulletin) - 289-4990
Woody Thompson, Geology - 289-7178
Marshall Wiebe, Planning & Program Services - 289-4909

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