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# BULLETIN

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## Commissioner's Column

State employees have expressed great interest in the Voluntary Savings Program. More than ten percent of all employees have indicated an interest in participating. More details about the program will be announced once the legislature has completed final action on the FY 91 budget. That is expected before the end of April. Once legislative approval has been given for the program, departments will send each employee information on how they may participate. Employees who have not submitted a survey form may still be able to participate. Departments also will develop guidelines on how to accommodate the employees' interest in participating, while assuring that public services and essential operations are maintained.

Governor McKernan has approved a \$4 million bond proposal for major improvements to Maine state parks and historic sites. If approved by the legislature and passed by Maine voters, the bond would fund major improvements and capital investments which the bureau has not been able to afford in the past. These projects include: replacement of obsolete sewer systems; installation of wells to comply with new federal drinking water standards; facilities for disabled persons; major restoration work required to prevent further deterioration at Ft. Knox; and other major improvements.

At a time when public interest in land acquisition is high, it is important also to take care of what we already own. This bond is a companion to additional bonds for land acquisition so that we can upgrade existing facilities while acquiring new ones. We certainly appreciate the governor's support for our interest in protecting the investment we have in state parks and historic sites.

Thanks go to volunteers from several bureaus who represented DOC at the State of Maine Sportsman's Show in Augusta. Parks and Forestry staff have also represented their programs at other events lately. We appreciate the willingness of each of you who volunteer to help the department provide information about our programs to the many people who are interested in our activities.

The department is beginning preliminary efforts to develop a department-wide policy on law enforcement. The objective is to create a broad overall policy to assist the bureaus which have different law enforcement responsibilities. The bureaus have different needs based on their individual mandates. Forestry and Parks are currently working on bureau policies covering procedures, training, equipment, work rules, and other functions related to enforcement. Other bureaus will be involved as they are affected, including Administrative Services, LURC and Public Lands. The department will assist the bureaus in developing these policies with help from the Attorney General's Office, the Department of Public Safety, and others.

**Ed Meadows**

## Bureaus Observe 20th Anniversary of Earth Day

*Highlights include displays,  
education programs, and field events.*

- ☐ Parks and Recreation staff will present environmental education programs to more than 8,000 students at more than 60 schools.
- ☐ Geological Survey staff will cosponsor Maine's first Mineral Symposium at the University of Maine at Augusta on April 21-22.
- ☐ The Land Use Regulation Commission and the Geological Survey will participate in Earth Day '90 activities at the Maine Audubon Society in Falmouth on April 22.
- ☐ Information packets for teachers and others are available from the Forest Service. The teacher's packet contains information on Maine's Big Tree Register and materials developed in Wisconsin entitled "Forestry and the Environment."
- ☐ The Bureau of Public Lands plans three events:
  - A wildlife habitat improvement workshop at the Pine Tree Arboretum in Augusta from 10 to noon on April 21.
  - A nature walk at Dodge Point in Newcastle starting at 8 a.m. on April 28.
  - A tree improvement workshop on April 28 starting at 10 a.m. at the Beatrice B. Baxter Memorial Forest in Topsham.

## Conservation Notes

**Kim Lynch**, Land Use Regulation Commission field investigator, and **Russell Beauchemin**, forest ranger, trained Scott Paper Company employees and contractors on erosion control procedures for timber harvesting and road building. •• **George Bourassa** attended the U.S. Forest Service Grants Management Workshop. •• **Cathy Morin** has been hired as a Clerk Typist II to work in the Forest Information Center and as Forest Service phone receptionist. •• Information explaining the expected increase in gypsy moth activity this year and an outline of damage control options is available from **Dick Bradbury**. •• The Insect & Disease Management Division has taken a lead role in monitoring forest health. **Dave Struble** was appointed to the Logistics Technical Sub-Committee for the national forest health monitoring effort. The MFS will establish 3 forest health monitoring plots around the State in 1990. •• **Joe Kelley** recently gave a talk to the Geological Society of Maine meeting at Bates College, updating information on sand dune laws and Maine's coastal geology. •• **Steve Dickson** is presenting a lecture on April 25th at the Gorham campus of USM on applications of geographic information systems in mapping coastal environments. •• **Woody Thompson** recently attended the Rochester Mineralogical Symposium. Maine mineral discoveries were prominently featured at the symposium in exhibits by the Maine Geological Survey, Harvard University, and private collectors. **John Titus**, **Tim Hall** and **Scott Woodruff** attended

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an instructor training session in first-aid and CPR and became instructors certified by the American Red Cross. •• **Scott Ramsey** will attend the Northeast Chapter of Snowmobile Program Administrators this month. Scott is chair of the chapter's committee on the Northeast Snowmobile Trail, which runs from New Brunswick to Pennsylvania. •• **Craig Ten Broeck** recently returned from a conference in North Carolina where he was a guest of the National Park Service and participated in panel discussions on river recreation in the hydropower relicensing process. •• Spring fishing began with gusto at Sebago Lake State Park where, despite five inches of snow, more than 100 boats were launched from the park's boat site by 7:00 a.m. on Sunday, April 1, first day of the 1990 open water fishing season. •• **Leigh Hoar** will speak to a class on road and facilities design and maintenance at the University of Maine at Orono in April. •• Management Plans for the Telos and Squa Pan Units have been printed and distributed to advisory group members and other interested persons. Copies are available from BPL. •• **Hollis Tedford** met with other members of the Mackworth Island working group at the Baxter School for the Deaf in April. The group discussed the development of the Mackworth Island management plan. •• **Libbey Seigars** and **Ken Spalding** put on a "superb" 4-course luncheon at the Arboretum for all the people who have given clerical support to MCC-SERVE/Maine during the last few years. The recognition was appreciated by all who attended.

### **Corpsmembers Sought for MCC**

The Maine Conservation Corps will have 23 projects this summer and is now looking for young people to fill the 116 corpsmember positions available.

These outdoor jobs provide job training, conservation education, and pay of \$3.85 per hour. To be eligible a person must be between the ages of 14 and 21 and meet certain income guidelines.

To determine eligibility and apply, a person must contact their local Job Training Office (JTO). Contact Ken Spalding at 289-4931 for the appropriate JTO phone number and location.

MCC project locations are:

Allagash	Gorham
Allagash Waterway	Greenville
Appalachian Trail	Lewiston
Augusta	Lubec
Baxter Park	Montville
Bethel	New Gloucester
Camden	Portland
Eastport	Richmond
Falmouth	Scarborough
Fryeburg	Wells

### **Al Nutting Memorial Planting Set**

The Pine Tree Arboretum will establish a small cluster of trees and shrubs at the Arboretum and hold a tree planting ceremony on June 24 in memory of Albert D. Nutting.

Friends and associates of Al Nutting are invited to contribute to the project. Donations may be sent to Austin Wilkins, 3 Blaine Avenue, Augusta, Maine 04330. Donors names will be on record at the Arboretum Visitors Center.

### **Russians to Visit Maine in April**

John Cashwell will be participating in the Bridges for Peace exchange program with the Soviet Union. John was a member of the delegation from Maine which visited the U.S.S.R. last year. This year, 18 Russians will spend the last week in April and the first week in May in this country, most of the time in Maine.

### **Employees Raise \$ for WCBB**

Twelve employees appeared on public television as volunteer fund raisers during WCBB-TV's annual spring pledge drive in March. Maine Forest Service director John Cashwell recruited the volunteers from the Forest Service and other DOC units and lead them into live action at the station's Lewiston studio. The successful operation earned the Forest Service recognition as the underwriter of a future WCBB program. Thanks and congratulations to: George Bourassa, John Cashwell, Carol DiBello, Jack Dirksman, Tom Doak, Will Harris, Jeanne Kannegieser, Ralph Knoll, Steve Oliveri, Tom Parent, Judy Tyler and Cathy Ward.

### **Parks Spring Meeting Set**

Bureau of Parks and Recreation staff Steve Curtis, Ron Hunt, John Titus, Tim Caverly and Sally Doyle have been planning and organizing the bureau's annual spring meeting for park management and Allagash Waterway staff. The meeting, to be held April 23-27, will involve presentations from several bureau and departmental employees including Ken Spalding, Libbey Seigars, Marshall Wiebe, Patty Bailey, Ron Hunt, Tom Cieslinski, and Hartley LaDuke and his staff. Representatives from the New Hampshire and Vermont State Park systems will also attend the sessions.

### **Geologist Exam Improved**

Staff from the Maine Geological Survey are helping the State Licensing Board for Geologists and Soil Scientists improve the certification exam for geologists working in Maine. William Knight, from the American Institute of Professional Geologists, visited the Survey last week and gave a talk on federal legislation affecting the profession.

### **MMI Participants Selected**

Fred Todd, LURC; Steve Oliveri, Bureau of Public Lands; and Ancyl Thurston, Maine Forest Service, have been accepted for the spring session of Maine Management Institute(MMI).

The MMI is designed to provide mid-level managers with an overview of the State's management philosophy and practices, knowledge of current management theories, and skill development. MMI provides participants with an opportunity to assess personal and professional effectiveness and improve leadership capabilities.

### **GIS Plans Open House**

An April 19 open house will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Department's Geographic Information System (GIS) facility at 71 Hospital Street in Augusta.

The GIS allows State agencies to manage, manipulate, and analyze mapped resource information. The facility includes a high speed computer, five work stations, digitizers for converting map data to computerized format, and a plotter capable of producing color maps.

The facility officially opened on January 29 with a two week training program. Ten resource professionals from selected state agencies were trained to use the GIS system.

The public is invited to attend the open house. Demonstrations of the equipment will be repeated throughout the afternoon. Dan Walters, director of the GIS facility, and Diane Hankinson, GIS coordinator, will be available to answer questions.

Walters was project manager of the Rhode Island State GIS before coming to Maine as GIS director in October, 1989. Hankinson has been employed by the department as a mapping technician since 1980.