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Commissioner's Column

The beginning of a new year is a good time to reaffirm the steps we are taking in support of a strong DOC and a sound future for the natural resources that we manage and protect.

The concepts we are advocating include the following.

- Maine's natural resources play a crucial role in the state's economy. They are essential to the state's future.
- To ensure a viable economy, strong natural resource programs are crucial to monitor and protect the resources to ensure they are used wisely. A long term perspective is necessary.
- Adequate funding to maintain the DOC's core programs to continue to provide effective services is necessary. These core programs are essential to the state, its natural resources and the people who live here. We are working to generate the support needed to maintain these programs.
- State employees need support in their efforts to provide effective delivery of programs and services in meeting the challenges of the future. We believe state employees play a vital role in solving many of Maine's problems.

Department managers met recently to plan the best course for the next several months in light of rapid and continual change. These changes—including increasing work loads, decreasing resources and reduced work time—require unprecedented levels of adjustment and are among many other challenges to state agencies and employees.

A key goal of our discussion was to identify new ways to increase support for this department and its employees despite continuing budget cuts and constantly changing state government functions.

I want to add a few words specifically about the challenges state employees now face. We recognize DOC employees are dedicated to accomplishing our Mission and work hard to make a contribution to Maine people.

We understand the difficulties and pressures you are working under. The recent trend toward unfounded criticism of state employees is regrettable. We do not support the call for additional cuts in state workers merely on a percentage basis, with no analysis of the impact or effect on services, or without recognition of past cuts in positions. In previous cuts, this department has reduced operating costs in a major way from top to bottom, throughout the organization. The cumulative effects of these cuts are substantial and, for this reason, no single round of cuts can be considered in isolation.

In our discussions with the public, the media and others, we urge that a more positive approach be taken to solving the problems we all share.

The future lies in working together—all of us within this department—and together with other departments. As we continue to make the case for the importance of natural resources, each of you can help by speaking of all of our programs in a positive way and by urging support for the department as a whole. Separately, we cannot succeed.

Thank you for your continuing commitment to Maine's natural resources.

Ed Meadows

Conservation Notes

✿ **Gordon Bell**, manager of Camden Hills State Park, recently spoke to members of the Camden Rotary Club on park programs and resources.

✿ BPR employees are traveling to schools again this year to give programs relating to the park system. **John Titus**, **Patty Bailey**, and **Mike Leighton** have visited schools during the past month. Several other employees are expected to respond to requests for programs

✿ **Steve Oliveri** presented a workshop on the Harbor Master Law and the Submerged Lands Law to municipal officials in the mid-coast area.

✿ **Dick Dearborn**, MFS entomologist, will be the instructor for a field entomology course offered by the Eagle Hill Wildlife Research Station in Stuben from June 21-27.

✿ The Donnell Pond Management Plan has been adopted and copies are available from **Craig Ten Broeck** at BPL.

✿ Approximately 30 people attended an appreciation dinner at the Maple Hill Farm in Hallowell for outgoing Land Use Regulation Commission member **Elizabeth W. Swain**. Elizabeth was honored for eight years of dedicated service as a member of the commission, five of which she served as chairman.

✿ **Lynne Picardi** of the Land Use Regulation Commission participated in a Water Quality Certification workshop presented by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

✿ **Walter Gooley** of the MFS has been elected a 1991 Fellow of the Society of American Foresters. The basic requirements include contributions to the application of forestry, to education, to research, and to the advancement of the profession and the society. Nationwide, only 34 Fellows were elected in 1991 from the 18,000-member organization.

✿ **Russell Beauchemin** is the new district forest ranger in the Moosehead District with headquarters in Greenville.

✿ Fire Control Division Training Officer, **Leslie Wiles**, has coordinated a new forest ranger II register with the Bureau of Human Resources.

✿ **Peter Lammert** is the author of an article published in Maine Tree Farm News on marketing forest products during tough economic times.

✿ **Woody Thompson and Duane Leavitt** convened a meeting of the CREST earth science education steering committee in Bangor last month. Duane has produced the first CREST newsletter which is being sent statewide to middle school and high school earth science teachers. Copies are available from MGS.

Debra Davis is the New DOC Personnel Manager

Debra Davis is the Department of Conservation's new Personnel Manager.

Debbie has a thorough knowledge of the state's human resource and payroll systems and considerable experience in employee relations. She has worked for the Department of Corrections as personnel officer for the past five years and was personnel specialist at the Pineland Center for three years.

Beth Reed Joins MFS as Urban Forester

Beth Reed has joined the Maine Forest Service as the new urban forester in the Management and Utilization Division.

A 1983 University of Maine forest management graduate, Beth spent two years in the Phillipines with the Peace Corps as a forest extension worker for the Phillipine Bureau of Forestry. She has been employed as an urban forester by Manchester, New Hampshire and has worked for private nurseries. Beth has operated her own landscape company and is a resident of Wiscasset.

MCC Approves Spring Projects

The Maine Conservation Corps has approved four projects for this spring. At Aroostook State Park, a team of five corpsmembers and a team leader will improve the ski trail system by rebuilding the bridges, leveling hollows and widening the trails from April 13 to June 5. The team will also mark park boundaries.

Two teams will work for the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (IF&W). One team will improve ruffed grouse habitat, primarily by releasing, pruning and fertilizing apple trees at the Frye Mt. and Howard Mendall Wildlife Management Areas. Funding for this project is provided by a grant from the Ruffed Grouse Society. The other IF&W/MCC team will reconstruct a roof and floors of buildings in the wildlife management area on Swan Island in the Kennebec.

The fourth MCC Spring team will re-establish trails and clearings around monuments, build a trail bridge and do masonry repair on a stone building at the Good Will Home in Hinckley.

The MCC is also establishing summer projects and anticipates having 26 projects around the state from late June through August.

BPR Announces Second Annual Maine State Park and Historic Site Poster Contest

Just make a poster with a slogan on reducing, reusing, and recycling waste to conserve Maine's resources and preserve our state parks and historic sites. You could win free camping and passes for your whole family.

GUIDELINES

• Theme: Reduce, reuse, and recycle waste to conserve Maine's resources and preserve our state parks and historic sites.*

• Size: 9" x 12" (or 8 1/2" x 11")

• Format: Horizontal

• Medium: Crayon or colored pencil

• Style: Poster with slogan; only freehand artwork and lettering (no press type or stencils)

• Identification: On back of poster; name, grade, school, school address, and school telephone number

• Deadline: March 15, 1992

*Hint: Maine has a solid waste problem. We need to reduce the waste we make, reuse everything we can, and recycle the rest. Winning posters will be original, colorful, well designed, and effective in showing the theme.

PRIZES

Three winners in each division: Grades K-2, 3-5, and 6-8.

• First Prize: Family pass for admission to all day-use areas at Maine State Parks and Historic Sites this year AND one week of free camping at the state parks of your choice.

• Second Prize: Family pass for admission to all day-use areas at Maine State Parks and Historic Sites this year OR one week of free camping at the state parks of your choice.

• Third Prize: Individual pass for free admission of the winner to all day-use areas at Maine State Parks and Historic Sites this year.

All entries will be acknowledged. Send yours by March 15 to:

MAINE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

Bureau of Parks and Recreation

State House Station 22

Augusta, Maine 04333

Attention: Pat Bailey (Telephone 289-3821)

DOC Employees Contribute to Preparation of 1993 SCORP

Numerous departmental staff will join private citizens, landowners, constituent groups, other state agency staff, and recreation professionals in several task groups that have been organized to identify issues, strategies, and actions for the 1993 State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan. Tom Cieslinski and Cindy Bastey of the Bureau of Parks and Recreation are the recorders for the task groups and have also organized the first set of meetings. Don Mansius will participate in the Public Use of Private Lands task group. The Access to Public Waters group will include Craig Ten Broeck as chair, Dick Skinner, George Hannum, Marshall Wiebe, and Steve Spencer. Steve Curtis and Henry Whittemore will participate in the Availability of Public and Private Lands for Outdoor Recreation group. The Trails, Greenways, and Corridors group will include Scott Ramsay and Brian Bronson.

The task groups will be meeting four times each this winter and spring. Their final reports will be submitted to the SCORP steering committee for consideration as part of the planning process.

Bradbury Mountain State Park Enlarged

A 9.37 acre parcel of woodland has recently been acquired as an addition to Bradbury Mountain State Park in Pownal. The site has open ledges with vistas of the countryside and Casco Bay. The new parcel, which will contain hiking trails, was acquired with monies remaining from a past park bond issue. Dick Coffin, of the Division of Engineering and Realty, and Dan Bell, Park Manager, participated in the closing transaction.

BPR Hosts U.S. Forest Service Trail Signing Committee

Scott Ramsay, Supervisor of BPR's Off-Road Vehicle Division, recently hosted an eastern inspection trip for 20 people involved with the U.S. Forest Service trail signing committee. The signing committee members included USFS representatives from Washington D.C. and the local district, as well as snowmobile program administrators from Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, and Oregon. On the two-day trip, the group visited and rode on the White Mountain National Forest trail system.

FEBRUARY						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
9	10	11	12 Payday BULLETIN distributed NFLC meets	13 LWRC Meets/SPO Harbor Mgt Workshop-BPL	14	15
16	17 State Holiday School vacation week	18 State shut-down day	19	20 LURC Meets/Augusta	21	22
23	24	25	26 Payday	27 BPL Prescription Review Old Town	28	29
MARCH						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 LFMF Board Meets	3 BULLETIN copy due	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 SCORP TG Public Use-Pri. Land/Bangor	11 Payday BULLETIN distributed	12 SCORP TG Availability of land/Orono	13	14
15	16	17	18 SCORP TG Trails/Augusta	19 LURC Meets/Augusta	20	21
22	23	24	25 Payday	26	27 Proposed legislative adjournment	28
29	30	31 MFS I & E Training				