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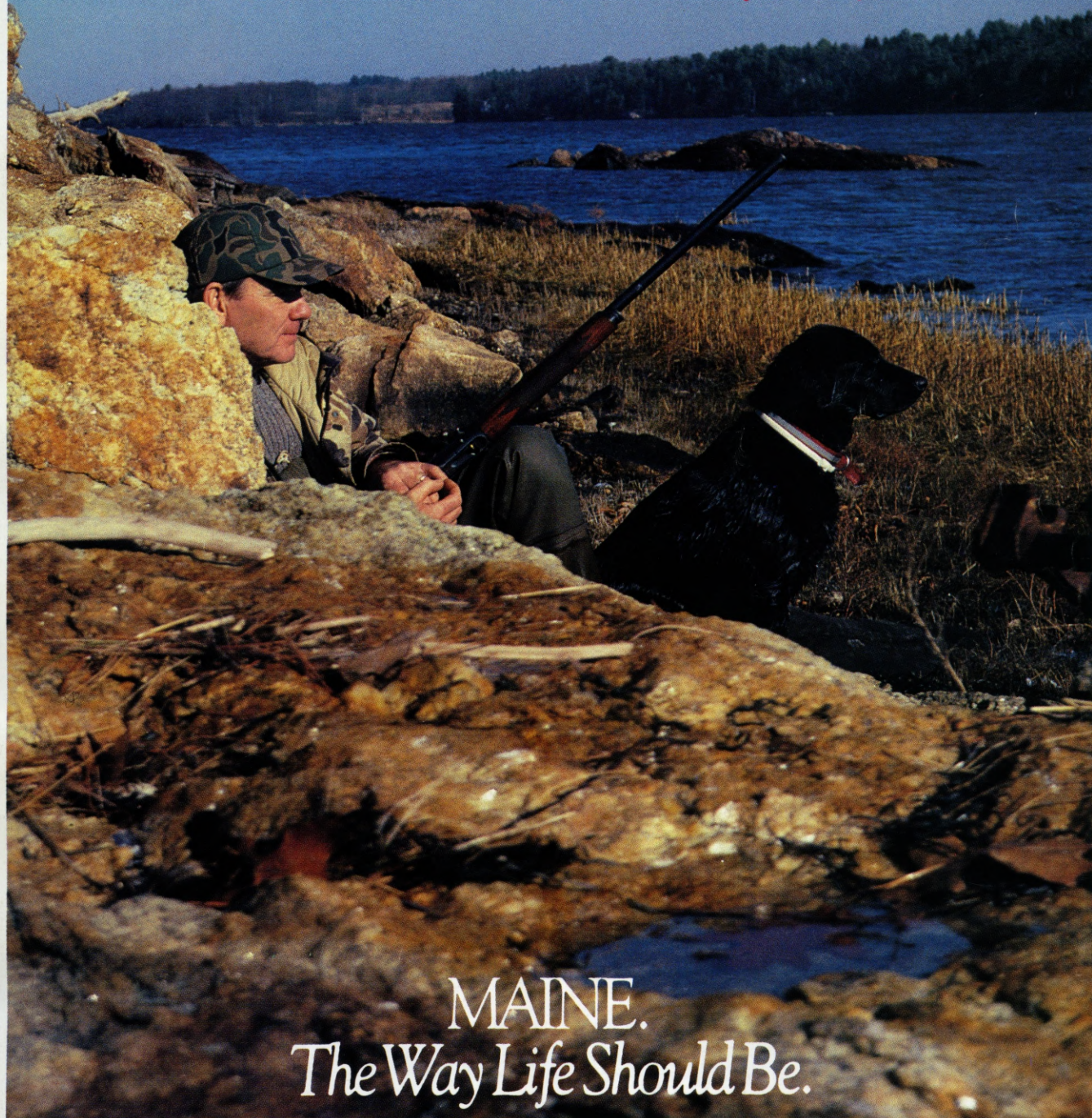
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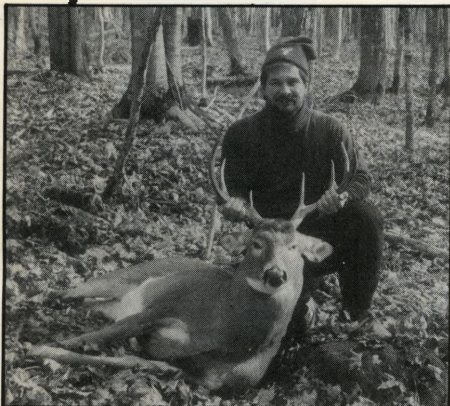


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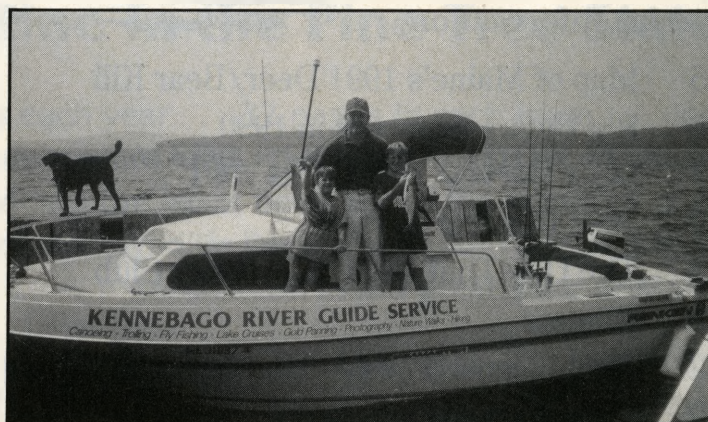
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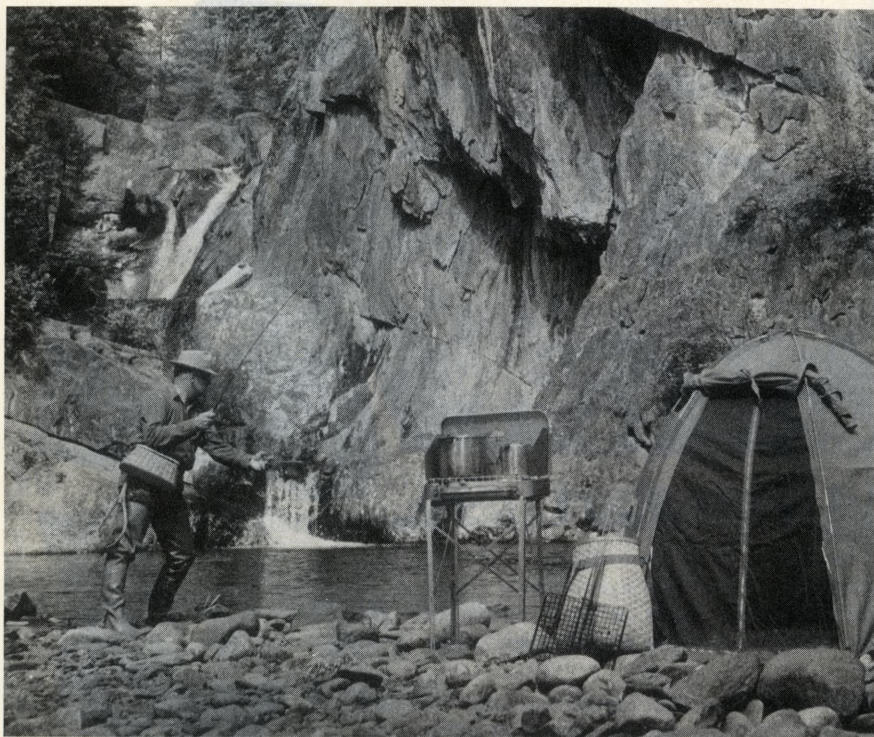
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In terms of outdoor recreation lands, Maine is in the minority in this one respect: the vast majority of the state is privately owned, and it is only through the cooperation of the owners of private land that Maine sportsmen and women are able to pursue their outdoor activities.

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Welcome to the Pine Tree State. If any representatives of the Maine Fish and Wildlife Department — biologists, members of our famous Warden Service, or personnel in any of our headquarters offices around the state — can help, please don't hesitate to ask. We're here to serve you.

Thank you for choosing Maine as your outdoor recreation spot.

And good luck!!

Sincerely,

William J. Vail
Commissioner

The Maine Sporting Experience

Maine is tucked off by itself in relation to other states in the union, and has thus managed to retain unspoiled hunting and fishing territory of high quality. But while wildlife and fish are plentiful here, timing is the real key to success.

For example, freshwater fishing for cold-water species like brook trout and landlocked salmon is best in May, June, and September. Bass, pickerel, and perch, the warm-water species, are active during the summer months. And while big game (deer, bear, and moose) hunting is strictly an autumn sport, the seasons for some small game, birds, and ducks extend into the winter or year round.

This guide will provide you with answers to many of your questions about hunting and fishing in the state, but the details and rules involved are best gleaned from the official rules and regulations pamphlets provided by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife, 284 State St., Station #41, Augusta, ME 04333. Our advice is: Don't hunt or fish *at all* without first checking the rulebook.

Newcomers to Maine can speed their success by chatting with knowledgeable sporting camp owners, innkeepers, and the personnel at outdoor sporting shops, or by hiring a Registered Maine Guide. Some Guides work directly with the various sporting camps, so be sure to ask about hiring one when you make your lodgings reservations. You can also hire a Guide directly. Most will provide a boat and motor, and basic camping gear, as

well as extensive knowledge bred of years of exploration in their region. For more information, contact the Maine Professional Guides Association, PO Box 159, Orono, ME 04473.

If you want to camp during your stay, there are dozens of private campgrounds, several state parks, and scores of free campsites maintained by the Maine Forest Service on the state's lakes and ponds.

If you plan a trip to northern Maine, be advised that the great roadless "wilderness" that appears on road maps is neither roadless nor a real wilderness. Rather, it is a vast, privately-owned industrial forest, laced with gravel roads, lumber camps, and road gates. Much of this country is available for public use, but be prepared for questions about your travel plans and to pay modest gate fees at check-points throughout this domain. For further information, write North Maine Woods, PO Box 421, Ashland, ME 04732.

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Deer and Bear Registration By County

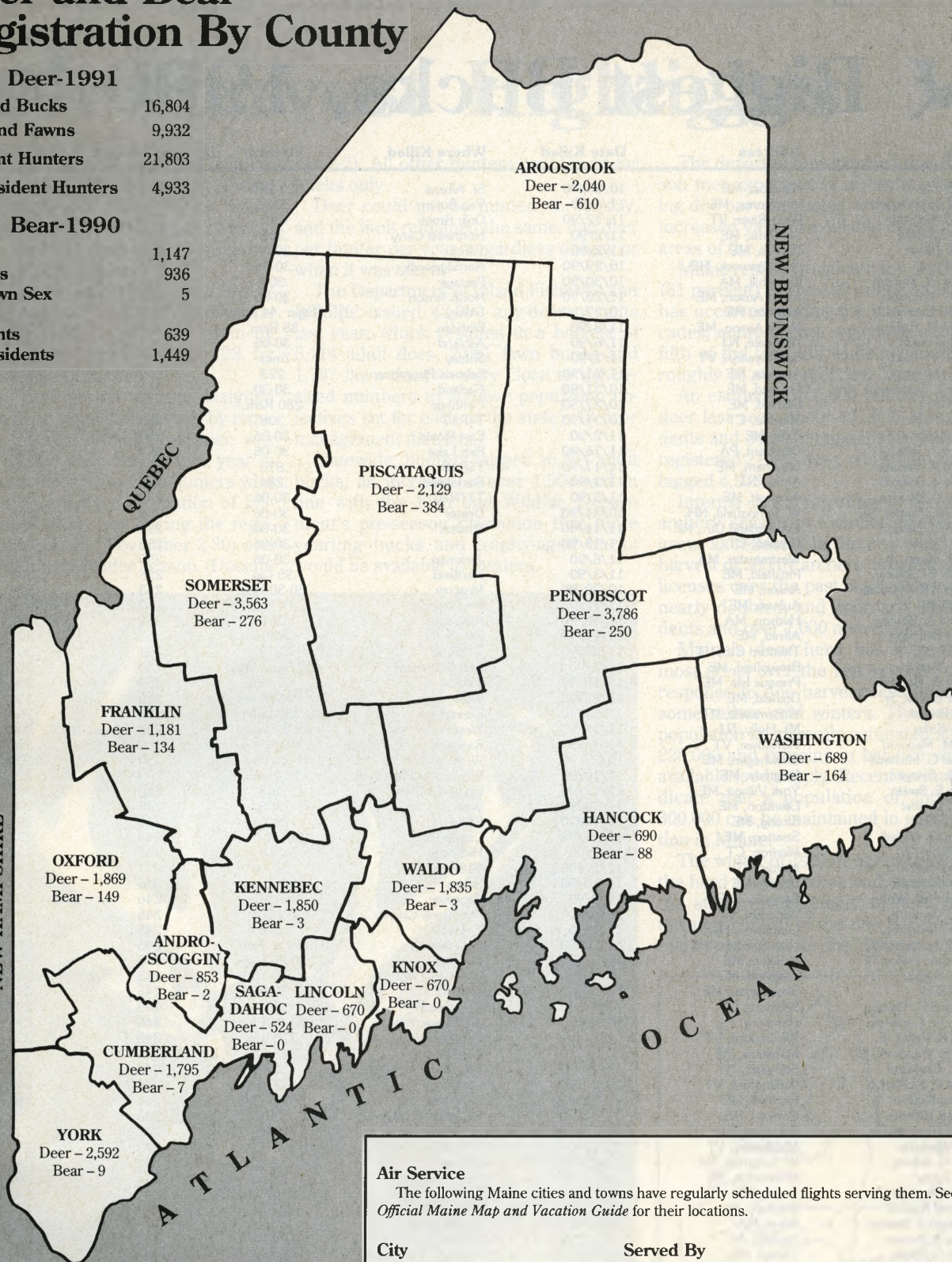
Deer-1991

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| Antlered Bucks | 16,804 |
| Does and Fawns | 9,932 |
| Resident Hunters | 21,803 |
| Non-resident Hunters | 4,933 |

Bear-1990

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|---------------|-------|
| Males | 1,147 |
| Females | 936 |
| Unknown Sex | 5 |
| Residents | 639 |
| Non-residents | 1,449 |

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Biggest Bucks, 1990



| Name | Address | Date Killed | Where Killed | Firearm | Dressed Weight | Live Weight |
|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|
| Dawn Burke | Newport, ME | 10/27/90 | St. Albans | .22-250 | 283 | 340 |
| Eugene J. Levesque | Van Buren, ME | 11/8/90 | Van Buren | .30-06 | 275 | 330 |
| Robin J. Roystan | Wells River, VT | 11/12/90 | Dole Brook | .270 | 273 | 327 |
| Jeffrey Swallow | So. Paris, ME | 11/2/90 | Northeast Carry | .308 | 272 | 326 |
| Gary R. Baker | Dryden, ME | 11/2/90 | T1R1 | .30-06 | 270 | 324 |
| David Frost | Norridgewock, ME | 10/29/90 | Norridgewock | .30-06 | 270 | 324 |
| Thomas W. Mullen | Haverhill, MA | 10/30/90 | Portage | .308 | 269 | 323 |
| Craig A. Pomelow | North Anson, ME | 11/20/90 | North Anson | .30-06 | 268 | 322 |
| Lloyd N. Carson, Jr. | Augusta, ME | 10/27/90 | Sidney | Ruger .44 Mag. | 266 | 319 |
| Bernard M. Bishop | North Anson, ME | 11/8/90 | Embden | .35 Rem. | 266 | 319 |
| Ken Mowerson | Allendale, NJ | 11/6/90 | Ashland | .30-06 | 263 | 316 |
| Dominic R. Falzo | So. Royalton, VT | 11/2/90 | Shirley | 7mm. | 261 | 313 |
| Leo R. Dumont | Augusta, ME | 11/21/90 | Seboeis Plantation | .223 | 260 | 312 |
| William E. Sandberg | Garland, ME | 10/31/90 | Garland | .30-30 | 260 | 312 |
| Jason Swett | Dixfield, ME | 10/27/90 | Carthage | .280 Rem. | 260 | 312 |
| William Tucker | Monroe, CT | 10/31/90 | T4R17 | .308 | 260 | 312 |
| Daniel Wallace, Sr. | Bath, ME | 11/2/90 | East Moxie | .30-06 | 260 | 312 |
| Andrew J. Telesz | Olyphant, PA | 11/16/90 | Fish Lake | .30-06 | 257 | 308 |
| Richard A. Bernier | Windham, ME | 11/17/90 | T5R18 | .870 | 257 | 308 |
| Richard J. Smutek | Alpha, NJ | 11/1/90 | Rockwood | .284 | 257 | 308 |
| Angelo D. Bourlos | Allagash, ME | 11/5/90 | T17R10 | .30-06 | 256 | 307 |
| Byron M. Charles, Sr. | W. Springfield, NH | 10/31/90 | Dexter | .30-06 | 255 | 306 |
| William C. Damon | Cumberland Ctr., ME | 11/14/90 | Pittston | .30-06 | 255 | 306 |
| Daniel Kosak | Goshen, CT | 11/13/90 | — | .30-06 | 255 | 306 |
| Paul H. Morin, Jr. | Westminster, MA | 11/8/90 | Jackman | .30-06 | 255 | 306 |
| Thomas E. Slattery | Pittsfield, ME | 11/3/90 | Hartland | .35 Cal. | 255 | 306 |
| Raymond E. Spooner | Anson, ME | 10/30/90 | Moscow | .30-30 Win. | 253 | 304 |
| Allan Clark | Auburn, ME | 11/12/90 | New Auburn | .44 Mag. | 252 | 302 |
| Edmond A. Bouley | Hudson, MA | 11/12/90 | Allagash | .308 | 252 | 302 |
| Joseph Belanger | Alfred, ME | 11/17/90 | Dexter | .30-06 | 251 | 301 |
| Natan J. Hill | Thetford Ctr., VT | 11/20/90 | T18R12 | .270 | 251 | 301 |
| Dale L. Barton | Brownfield, ME | 11/3/90 | East Stoneham | .32 Spec. Win. | 250 | 300 |
| George R. Benson | Presque Isle, ME | 11/12/90 | T11R4 | .30 Cal. | 250 | 300 |
| Bennie Bowie, Sr. | Dixfield, ME | 11/22/90 | Weld | .444 Marlin | 250 | 300 |
| Travis Bristol | Williamsville, VT | 11/13/90 | Kennebago | .35 Marlin | 250 | 300 |
| Walter Kirby | Mt. Holly, NJ | 11/15/90 | West Forks | .308 Savage | 250 | 300 |
| Scott M. Maynard | Moretown, VT | 11/1/90 | Rangeley | .300 Savage | 250 | 300 |
| Michael G. Michaud | Skowhegan, ME | 10/27/90 | W. Athens | .30-06 | 250 | 300 |
| Terry L. Sawyer | Belgrade, ME | 11/10/90 | West Forks Plantation | 12 gauge | 250 | 300 |
| Marvin E. Swain | York Village, ME | 11/13/90 | Elliotville Twp. | .308 | 250 | 300 |
| Paul L. Dwinall | Lewiston, ME | 11/10/90 | Weld | .308 | 249 | 299 |
| Ralph Luce | Strong, ME | 11/14/90 | Strong | .30-06 | 248 | 297 |
| William G. O'Neill | Stratton, ME | 11/11/90 | Coplin Pkt. | .30-30 Cal. | 248 | 297 |
| Mike Rebar, Jr. | Monroe, CT | 11/3/90 | Hamony | .308 | 247 | 296 |
| Richard Beebe | Mitton, VT | 11/22/90 | T18R12 | .30-06 | 247 | 296 |
| Lew A. Badershall | Strong, ME | 11/10/90 | Salem | .300 Savage | 246 | 295 |
| Bumham W. White | Rangeley, ME | 11/2/90 | Rangeley | .256 Mag. | 246 | 295 |
| Jon N. Demeritt | Winooski, VT | 11/2/90 | Aroostook County | Bir.308 | 245 | 294 |
| John E. Duby, Sr. | Lenoxdale, MA | 11/1/90 | T15R10 | .300 | 245 | 294 |
| Jeffrey D. Anderson | New Sweden, ME | 11/12/90 | New Sweden | .35 Cal. Rem. | 245 | 294 |
| Clifford A. Braley, Sr. | Ashland, ME | 10/31/90 | Ashland | .30-06 Rem. | 245 | 294 |
| Lucien Dudley | Kingfield, ME | 10/27/90 | Freeman Twp. | .30-30 | 245 | 294 |
| John Gilley | Skowhegan, ME | 11/5/90 | Fairfield | .30-06 | 245 | 294 |
| Raymond H. Greene | Seymour, CT | 11/5/90 | Rockwood | .308 | 245 | 294 |
| Melvin W. Loneragan | Hamburg, PA | 10/29/90 | Mt. Chase | .30-06 Rem. | 245 | 294 |
| Albert R. Perry, Jr. | Wallingford, VT | 11/9/90 | Seboomook | .270 Win. | 245 | 294 |
| Lloyd E. Wandwell, Sr. | Mapleton, ME | 10/27/90 | Portage Lake | .308 Rifle | 245 | 294 |
| Kim L. Crawford | Stillwater, NY | 11/20/90 | Lily Bay | .270 | 244 | 293 |
| Robert P. McMahon | Wallingford, VT | 10/30/90 | Glenwood | .270 | 244 | 293 |
| Andrew Mosher | Fairfield, ME | 11/3/90 | Shawmut | .30-06 Rem. | 244 | 293 |
| Herman Pelletier | Caribou, ME | 11/17/90 | Beaver Brook Rd. | .308 | 243 | 292 |
| Patrick Gregoire | Enosburg Falls, VT | 11/14/90 | Rockwood | .270 | 242 | 290 |
| Dave Wemette | Middlebury, VT | 11/1/90 | T10,R14 | .270 | 242 | 290 |
| Dean G. James | W. Leighton, PA | 10/29/90 | Allagash | .30-06 | 242 | 290 |
| Brian Berry | Millinocket, ME | 11/17/90 | Moxie | .30-06 | 241 | 289 |
| Dennis Marshall | Calais, ME | 11/12/90 | Calais | .32 special | 241 | 289 |
| Anthony Repole | Medford, MA | 11/22/90 | Wilson Mills | .30-30 | 241 | 289 |
| Raymond J. Bernier | Ware, MA | 11/6/90 | Moxie Gore | .35 | 240 | 288 |
| Dewey S. Brown | Dixfield, ME | 11/12/90 | Dixfield | .30-30 | 240 | 288 |
| Linnie Goodwin | Lisbon, ME | 10/27/90 | Durham | .35 Rem. | 240 | 288 |
| Weston Griffith, Sr. | Littleton, NH | 11/17/90 | Elm Stream | .308 | 240 | 288 |
| Mark Guio | Fort Fairfield, ME | 11/19/90 | T11,R13 | .30-06 | 240 | 288 |
| Corydon Hardy | Phillips, ME | 11/20/90 | Phillips | .308 | 240 | 288 |
| Manley Hunt | Clinton, ME | 10/27/90 | Clinton | .30-06 | 240 | 288 |
| Malcolm Jeffrey | Stratford, CT | 11/8/90 | Shirley | .308 | 240 | 288 |
| Francis R. Johnson | Middletown, NJ | 11/5/90 | Squaretown | .308 | 240 | 288 |
| Richard Nightingale | Mapleton, ME | 10/30/90 | Mapleton | .30-06 | 240 | 288 |
| Douglas A. Orde | Hollis, NH | 11/14/90 | Crystal | 7mm. Mag. | 240 | 288 |
| Stuart Poland | New Harbor, ME | 11/12/90 | Union | 7mm.-.08 | 240 | 288 |
| Richard Rackleff | Oakland, ME | 10/27/90 | Rome | .30-06 | 240 | 288 |

This list was compiled from Biggest Bucks in Maine Club membership cards (807 in 1990). Membership requires a 200-pound deer (dressed weight, without heart and liver), \$3 application fee. The Club is maintained by The Maine Sportsman, PO Box 910, Yarmouth, ME 04096-0910. Live weight estimates = dressed weight + 20%.

Deer Harvest Highlights

Maine deer hunters had a good year in 1991, in spite of several days best described as "wash-outs" and a widespread shortage of tracking snow through much of the season, even in northern sections.

The final deer kill figure of 26,736 represents an increase of 3 percent over the tally in 1990 and includes 500 taken by bow and arrow hunters and 123 by muzzleloading enthusiasts.

The any-deer permit system, designed to control deer population growth by regulating the harvest of antlerless deer, was in effect for the sixth consecutive year in 1991. Under the system, only hunters who possess a permit have the option of killing a deer of either sex during the regular firearms season (November 2-30) and the special muzzleloader season (Decem-

ber 2-7). All other hunters could hunt for bucks only.

Deer could not be hunted on Sunday, and the limit remained the same: one deer per hunter per year, regardless of how or when it was taken.

The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife issued 42,000 any-deer permits last year, which resulted in a harvest of 6,114 adult does, 2,081 fawn bucks and 1,737 fawn does — very close to the desired numbers to achieve population objectives set for each of the state's 18 deer management districts.

Statewide, hunters tagged 16,804 adult bucks, an increase of over 1,500 and in line with the Fish and Wildlife Department's pre-season prediction that more yearling bucks and trophy-aged bucks would be available to hunters.

The department is satisfied that the season met expectations in terms of achieving doe harvest quotas while providing an increased yield of available bucks in most areas of the state.

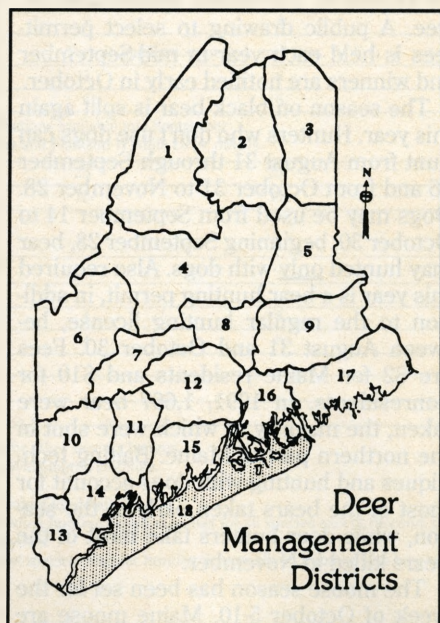
Maine residents claimed the lion's share (81 percent) of the 1991 deer harvest. As has occurred during the past several decades, nonresidents registered about one fifth of the total kill while accounting for roughly 15 percent of deer license sales.

An estimated 205,000 hunters pursued deer last year, about 171,000 Maine residents and 34,000 nonresidents. Residents registered 21,803 deer, while nonresidents tagged 4,933.

Interest in participating in the special archery season in October continued to grow, as reflected in the new record total harvest of 500 by archers. Sales of archery licenses over the past eight seasons have nearly doubled, and approach 8,500 residents and over 1,000 nonresidents.

Maine's deer herd has increased in most areas over the last several years in response to doe harvest restrictions and some rather mild winters. The post-hunt population is currently estimated at about 225,000 and remains in balance with the available food supply. Recent estimates indicate that a population of 250,000 to 300,000 can be maintained in good condition in Maine.

The winter of 1991-92 should have given the herd another break and, together with the state's management of herd growth through control of the doe harvest, gives rise to optimism for the 1992 season.



Hunting for Game— Big and Small

Big Game

Big game hunting in Maine this fall should continue at the same good levels it has enjoyed in recent years. The deer herd is increasing, thanks to good management and generally favorable winter weather over the last few years, and bear and moose are also in good supply.

The 1992 deer season will run from November 2 through November 28 with October 31 being set aside for Maine residents only. The special muzzle-loader season opens after the regular deer season and will run from November 30 to December 5. Bow hunters have their special season on deer from October 1 to October 30.

The any-deer permit system started several years ago will be in effect again this fall. It establishes statewide "bucks-only" hunting during the firearms season. However, anyone holding a current hunting license may apply for an any-deer permit in any one of 18 management districts. If selected to receive a permit they can then take either a buck or doe deer in that district or they can hunt for bucks-only anywhere in the state. The yearly limit remains one deer per hunter, regardless of animal's sex or the season in which it is taken.

Application blanks for any-deer permits are available throughout the state during July, with the application period closing on August 15. The permit applications are free. A public drawing to select permittees is held each year in mid-September and winners are notified early in October.

The season on black bear is split again this year. Hunters who don't use dogs can hunt from August 31 through September 26 and from October 31 to November 28. Dogs may be used from September 14 to October 30; beginning September 28, bear may be hunted only with dogs. Also required this year is a bear hunting permit, in addition to the regular hunting license, between August 31 and October 30. Fees are \$2 for Maine residents and \$10 for nonresidents. In 1991, 1,667 bear were taken, the majority of which were shot in the northern part of Maine. Baiting techniques and hunting with dogs account for most of the bears taken early in the season, while deer hunters take most of the bears killed in November.

The moose season has been set for the week of October 5-10. Maine moose are



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hunted under a permit system based on a lottery conducted each spring. Nine hundred permits go to Maine residents and 100 to nonresident hunters. Recent counts have shown that the northern Maine moose population of over 23,000 works out to a density of three animals per square mile — among the highest in North America. The area for moose hunting includes lands north of a line formed by highway routes 16, 6, 2, 178 and 9.

Small Game

Rabbits, gray squirrels, raccoons, and other small game flourish in the state's fields and forests, but hunting for them is

relatively light. This is good news for the small-game hunter, for it means little competition during the long open seasons (as much as six months for cottontail rabbits and snowshoe hares).

Hares and raccoons are found statewide; the former are common in the hedgerows and softwood growth in the south, and in the evergreen thickets in the north country. Raccoons are one of only two Maine animals that can be hunted at night, the other being the coyote. A special night hunting season has been set for coyotes in the wintertime. Check the rulebook for details. Otherwise, there is no closed season on coyotes.



A two-month season on gray squirrels provides plenty of opportunity for hunters seeking these elusive animals. Grays are plentiful in the hardwood forests of southern Maine, especially in stands of beech and oak. Note that it is strictly illegal to hunt squirrels in parks, or the built-up areas of towns and cities.

Woodchucks, porcupines, and red squirrels may be hunted year round.

Birds and Ducks: Partridge (ruffed grouse) and woodcock are the principal upland gamebirds in Maine. There are few pheasants anywhere in the state and there is a very limited spring season for wild turkey in York County based on a permit system.

Grouse-hunting methods differ considerably between the northern and southern areas. The traditional method, shooting over a dog, is most commonly used in the south. By contrast, most partridge taken in the north are found by hunters walking the woods roads. Most drive along these roads until birds are spotted, then get out of their vehicle, load up, and hunt the area on foot. State law (and common sense) rule against carrying a loaded gun in a vehicle, and it is *always* illegal to ac-

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1992 Maine Hunting Seasons

Dates for several species had not been set at press time. 1991 dates are listed as representative of typical seasons on these species.

| | | First Day | Last Day | | |
|--|-----------------------------------|--|----------|--|----|
| Deer | Firearms season | Nov. 2 | Nov. 28 | ONE DEER PER YEAR regardless of season or method. Only deer with antlers at least three inches long may be taken from Oct. 31 - Dec. 5, except that any deer may be taken in designated deer management districts by hunters with any-deer permits. Permit application period: mid-June to Aug. 15, annually. | |
| | Maine residents only day | Oct. 31 | | | |
| | Archery | Oct. 1 | Oct. 30 | | |
| | Muzzleloader | Nov. 30 | Dec. 5 | | |
| Bear * | General hunting seasons | Aug. 31 | Sep. 26 | ONE BEAR OF EITHER SEX | |
| | | Oct. 31 | Nov. 28 | | |
| | Hunting with dogs allowed | Sep. 14 | Oct. 30 | | |
| | Hunting ONLY with dogs | Sep. 28 | Oct. 30 | | |
| Moose (by permit only) | | Oct. 5 | Oct. 10 | Permit application period: mid-Jan. to Apr. 30. | |
| Ruffed Grouse (Wildlife Management Units 1 & 2) | | Oct. 1 | Nov. 30 | 4 | 8 |
| (Wildlife Management Units 3-8) | | Oct. 1 | Dec. 10 | 4 | 8 |
| Pheasant | (Wildlife Management Units 1 & 2) | Oct. 1 | Nov. 30 | 2 | 4 |
| | (Wildlife Management Units 3-8) | Oct. 1 | Dec. 10 | 2 | 4 |
| Wild Turkey (by permit only) | | May 4 | May 30 | Permit application period: mid-Dec. to Feb. 1. | |
| Woodcock (1991 dates) | | Oct. 1 | Nov. 14 | 3 | 6 |
| Common Snipe (1991 dates) | | Sep. 2 | Dec. 16 | 8 | 16 |
| Ducks, Geese, Sea Ducks (scoter, eider, old squaw) | | (Season set in early Sep.). Regulations available mid-September from license agents, game wardens and Fish and Wildlife Dept. offices. | | | |
| Rails (Sora and Virginia) (1991 dates) | | Sep. 2 | Nov. 9 | 25 | 25 |
| Gallinules (1991 dates) | | Sep. 2 | Nov. 9 | 15 | 30 |
| Crow | | Mar. 14 | Apr. 30 | - | - |
| | | July 16 | Sep. 29 | - | - |
| Bobcat (1991 dates) | | Dec. 1 | Jan. 31 | - | - |
| Fox (1991 dates) | | Oct. 28 | Feb. 29 | - | - |
| Gray Squirrel | | Oct. 1 | Nov. 30 | 4 | 8 |
| Rabbit (Cottontail) and Hare (Snowshoe)** | | Oct. 1 | Mar. 31 | 4 | 8 |
| Raccoon, Skunk, Opossum (1991 dates) | | Oct. 28 | Dec. 31 | - | - |
| Coyote, Woodchuck, Porcupine, Red Squirrel | | NO CLOSED SEASON FOR HUNTING | | | |
| Any species not listed above | | NO OPEN SEASON FOR HUNTING | | | |

*Bear permit required (resident, \$2; nonresident, \$10) in addition to hunting license between Aug. 31 and Oct. 30. See law booklet for other recent changes.

**Unlawful to hunt rabbits with dogs during any open firearms season on deer in Hancock, Knox, Lincoln, Sagadahoc, Waldo, and Washington counties.

Sunday Hunting: Illegal in Maine.

Hunter Orange Clothing: Two articles now required for hunting with a firearm during any firearms season on deer. See law booklet for details.

Legal Hunting Hours: On animals, 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset except during any firearms season on deer, when hunting closes at sunset for all species except raccoon. On game birds, shooting hours are 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset. See law booklet for details on special night hunting season on coyotes.

Licenses: Hunting license is required. Archery license authorizes hunting with bow and arrow only during any open season on that species. Regular hunting license allows hunting with bow and arrow, except during special archery season on deer. Special license-stamp required to hunt during muzzleloader season on deer.

Stamps: State and federal duck stamps required for waterfowl hunters age 16 and over. Pheasant stamp no longer required.

Please be sure to confirm laws and limits before you go hunting.

Maine's Fishing Waters

1

THE FISH RIVER REGION

(Salmon and trout)

This is one of the outstanding regions not only in Maine but in the entire country as well.

Salmon grow to remarkable size in this area and are taken not only in the lakes but also in the connecting thoroughfares. Trout also are both large and numerous throughout the region. Several of the lakes also contain togue.

The lakes in the Fish River chain proper are Long Lake, Mud Lake, Cross Lake, Square Lake, Eagle Lake, St. Froid Lake and Portage Lake.

Extending down almost into the Moosehead region are almost countless lakes, ponds, rivers and streams that afford fishing that surpasses the fondest dreams of the angler.

In August there is good stream fishing along the Fish River from Eagle Lake to Fort Kent. Both the Aroostook and Machias rivers offer good stream fishing for trout.

Situated far to the north, fish strike well longer in the season than is the case further south. Too, fall fishing begins earlier for the same climatic reason.

Greater numbers of sportsmen are visiting this region each year as word of the good fishing is becoming generally known.

Roads to this region are excellent. Accommodations are comparable to the best in the state. (For location see sec. 1 of fishing map.)

2

THE ALLAGASH REGION

(Trout, togue and salmon)

This is a region beloved by many anglers as it entails canoe trips into the wildland region. It taps the Allagash, St. John and East and West Branch of the Penobscot, waters all known as canoeing waters par excellence throughout the world.

Angling opportunities in this region are virtually without number. Passing through this region, the angler fishes a number of different waters each day and so is continually visiting new scenes and meeting new conditions.

Some of the better known fishing spots in the region are at Canada Falls Deadwater on the West Branch; along the West Branch from Seboomook Dam to Pine Stream near Chesuncook Lake; in the streams leading into Allagash Lake, Eagle Lake, Chamber-



lain Lake, Churchill Lake, Umsaskis Lake, Chemquasabamticook (Ross) Lake and Long Lake.

There are literally hundreds of streams flowing into the fifty mile stretch of the Allagash from Long Pond to its mouth and also along the seventy miles of the St. John from the mouth of the Northwest Branch to the point where it joins the Allagash. Virtually all of these streams furnish as good stream fishing as can be found in the entire country.

The fact that this territory is more remote than any area in the eastern United States calls for special planning before visiting it. You may want to think seriously about hiring a guide. At the very least, you must plan on bringing with you all the supplies you will need during your stay there. There are a few sporting camps in the region, or tenting out may be done at authorized campsites within the Allagash Wilderness Waterway or under the jurisdiction of the North Maine Woods, an organization of paper company and other landowners, headquartered in Ashland. (For location, see sec. 2 of fishing map.)

3

MOUNT KATAHDIN REGION

(Trout and salmon)

This magnificent region, dominated by Mount Katahdin, a wilderness peak a mile high, is

one of the most ruggedly beautiful areas in the entire country.

In the region are some of the best trout waters in the United States. They are divided between larger waters that are easily reached and smaller ones that are out of the way and have a charm of their own.

A great part of this region is a state park given to Maine by former Governor Percival Baxter to be maintained forever in its natural state as a rendezvous for anglers and other outdoor lovers.

The following are some of the larger waters in the area: Chesuncook Lake, Sourdunahunk Lake and Stream, Kidney Pond, Daicy Pond, Millinocket Lake, Shin Pond, Togue Pond, and Katahdin Lake.

Central points in this area are easily reached over good roads. Available accommodations include several sporting camps and campgrounds in and around Baxter State Park. (For location see sec. 3 of fishing map.)

4

GRAND LAKES and SCHOODIC REGION

(Salmon, trout, togue, smallmouth bass, pickerel, white perch)

A sporting kingdom in itself, this region defies description in anything short of an entire volume. It covers Washington County.

It is a region that somewhat resembles the Moosehead Region inasmuch as part of it is easily accessible while a still greater part is composed of wild lands that are a network of lakes, ponds, rivers, streams and brooks. Much of this territory is not fished extensively as yet, although fishing throughout the region is truly magnificent. The angler who wishes to "discover" new waters will find this area to his liking.

West Grand Lake is one of the original homes of the landlocked salmon and still offers good fishing for this species, as well as for smallmouthed bass and togue. Big Lake, the lake it empties into, is one of the best smallmouthed black bass waters in the world.

Among other waters in the area are Junior Lake, Sysladobsis, East and West Musquash Lakes, and a host of brooks and streams, including Grand Lake Stream located in the village of the same name.

A little to the south are the Meddybemps, Cathance Lake, Rocky Pond and numerous other lakes, ponds, brooks, rivers and streams. To the west are Nicaious Lake and the Machias Lakes. To the north Spednic Lake, in the Schoodic Chain, is a 23 mile long body of water that is rated as one of the best bass lakes in existence. Eastern Grand Lake, almost as long, is famed for its splendid salmon and togue fishing. Other waters in the locality afford the most excellent fishing.

It will be repeated that the vastness of this region defies adequate description in a booklet of this type. Only by visiting the area can the sportsman get an idea of its desirability and the excellent fishing it offers.

Fine hard surfaced roads lead to this region. Accommodations are of the usual fine type found in Maine and plentifully distributed. (For location see sec. 4 of fishing map.)

5 MILO-ENFIELD- LINCOLN REGION

(Salmon, trout, bass)

This region lies between the Moosehead region and the Grand Lake region.

Near Enfield, the angler will find Cold Stream Pond, one of the state's most beautiful bodies of water, and an excellent salmon and togue fishing center. A little over twenty miles away is Lake Nicaious, a fine salmon and bass lake. The region is dotted with numerous smaller ponds and many excellent streams.

From Milo, the angler is but a few miles from Schoodic Lake, a famed togue lake, Sebouis Lake, Endless Lake and other lakes and streams that afford very good trout fishing.

Good accommodations are available in the region. Roads also are good. Guides are available throughout the region. (For location see sec. 5 of fishing map.)

6 MOOSEHEAD-JACKMAN REGION

(Salmon, trout and togue)

One must deal in superlatives in describing this region. Moosehead Lake, for example, is not only the largest lake in Maine but one of the largest bodies of fresh water wholly within one state in the country. It is forty miles long and twenty wide.

The whole region occupies almost as much territory as the entire state of Massachusetts. It is almost entirely salmon, trout and togue country.

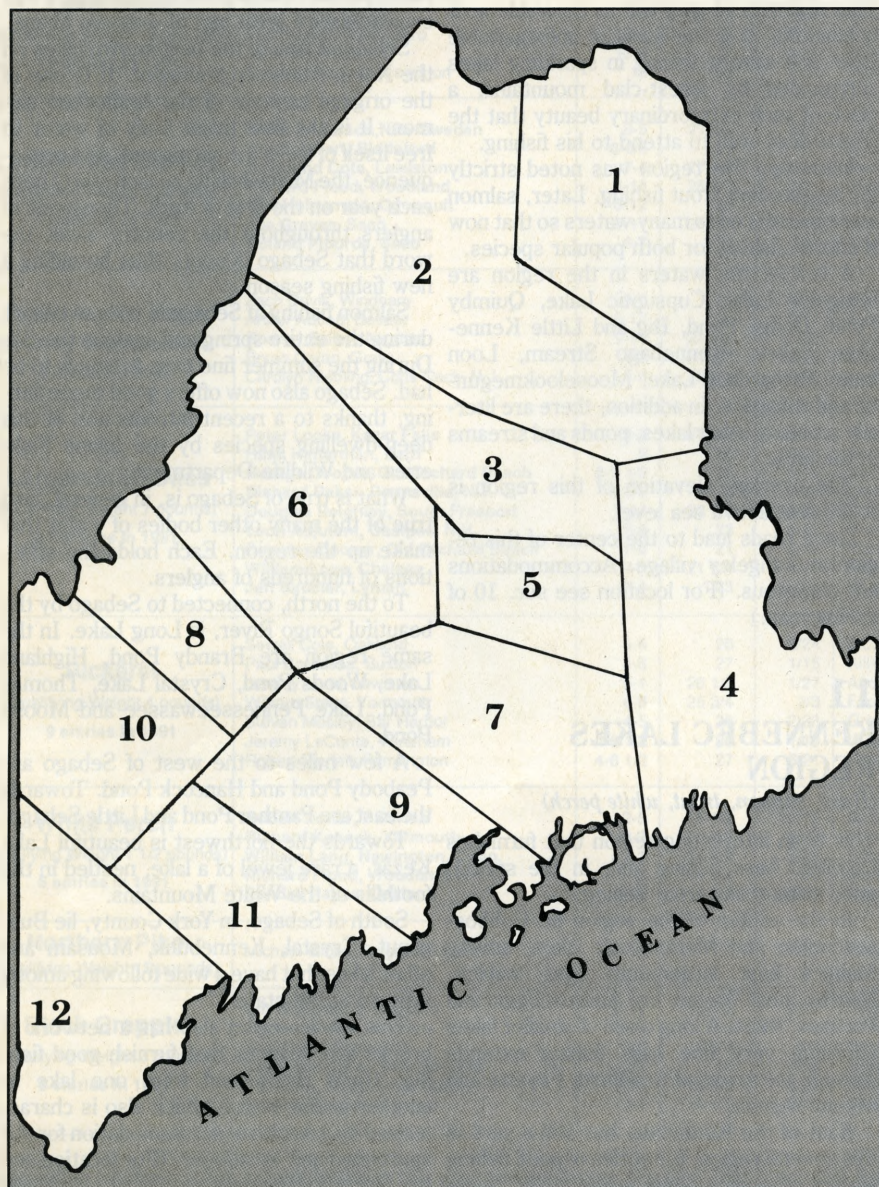
Some of the more familiar waters in the far-flung area are: Brassua Lake, Long Pond, Big Wood Pond, Attean, Holeb Pond, Misery Pond, Moxie Pond, Lake Parlin, Lobster Lake, Ragged Lake, the Roach ponds, Lake Onawa, Sebec Lake, Indian Pond, Jo-Mary Lake, Sebouis Lake, and Sebec Lake. In addition, it contains hundreds of brooks, streams, and rivers including the Moose River and headwaters of the Kennebec and Penobscot rivers.

Excellent roads lead to the central points in this region and numerous accommodations are located in the region. (For location see sec. 6 of fishing map.)

7 BANGOR REGION

(Salmon, brook trout, brown trout, togue, bass, pickerel)

On U.S. Route 1, between Bangor and Ellsworth, 28 miles away, are Phillips Lake, also known as Lucerne-in-Maine, Greene Lake, Branch Pond and Graham Lake. Grouped



together, they afford excellent fishing for salmon, togue, brook trout, brown trout and pickerel.

Thirty miles from Ellsworth is Tunk Lake, and several other fine fishing waters.

On Route 9 from Bangor is Chemo Pond, Floods Pond, Beech Hill Pond, Molasses Pond, Webb Pond and numerous other smaller bodies of water affording excellent fishing for salmon, trout and bass.

On Route 15 from Bangor, in the vicinity of Bucksport, 18 miles away, is another group of excellent lakes including Toddy Pond and Lake Alamoosook, which afford excellent salmon, togue and trout fishing.

Finally, visitors to Mt. Desert Island and Acadia National Park—noted for spectacular mountain and sea scenery—will find good fishing for the common game fish species in the island's 20-odd lakes and ponds.

In fishing this region the sportsman can obtain excellent accommodations at the various lakes for in the small towns and cities in the vicinity. (For location see sec. 7 of fishing map.)

8 DEAD RIVER REGION

(Trout and salmon)

Lying in the northwest corner of the state on the historical line of the march of Benedict Arnold to Quebec is to be found a perfect network of lakes and ponds joined together by numerous brooks and streams.

The altitude of many of these ponds is well over 1,500 feet above sea level and, as they are spring fed, the water is so cold that trout strike eagerly throughout the entire season. This is one reason, among many, why the region is favored by hundreds of anglers each season.

Included in the larger and better known lakes and ponds are Tim Pond, Chain of Ponds, Rowe Pond, Carry Pond, King and Bartlett Pond, Flagstaff Lake.

The area is reached over excellent roads. The angler or summer visitor will find accommodations in the area. (For location see sec. 8 of fishing map.)

9 BELGRADE LAKES REGION

(Black bass, salmon, trout, white perch)

This is one of the more compact areas in Maine. By that it is meant that the various lakes in the region are comparatively close to one another, making it extremely easy for the angler to go from one to the other.

In the Belgrade Chain are six lakes: North, East, Great, Long, Salmon and Messalonskee.

For many years the Belgrade region has

been noted for its extremely fine black bass fishing, both smallmouth and largemouth bass. Belgrade Stream, for example, produces many two to five-pound bass and sometimes heavier.

Some of the most beautiful brook trout caught anywhere are taken occasionally in the Belgrades and the world's record white perch was caught in Messalonskee Lake in 1949. A new addition to these waters through an unauthorized stocking is the northern pike, which are growing to a large size. There are salmon and other desirable gamefishes, too. The region is easy to reach and accommodations are available. (For location, see sec. 9 fishing map.)

10 RANGELEY REGION

(Salmon and trout)

This region is as vast and as desirable as it is beautiful. It is the home of unforgettable trout and salmon fishing in sparkling lakes surrounded by forest-clad mountains; a place of such extraordinary beauty that the angler does well to attend to his fishing.

Years ago this region was noted strictly for its excellent trout fishing. Later, salmon were introduced to many waters so that now it affords fishing for both popular species.

A few of the waters in the region are Rangeley Lake, Cupsuptic Lake, Quimby Pond, Dodge Pond, Big and Little Kennebag Lake, Kennebag Stream, Loon Lake, Richardson Lake, Mooselookmeguntic and Aziscoos. In addition, there are literally scores of other lakes, ponds and streams in the area.

The average elevation of this region is 1,200 feet above sea level.

Good roads lead to the center of this region at Rangeley village. Accommodations are numerous. (For location see sec. 10 of fishing map.)

11 KENNEBEC LAKES REGION

(Bass, salmon, trout, white perch)

This is an interesting region that furnishes excellent bass fishing and, in the spring, good salmon and trout fishing.

In the center of the region lie Cobbosseecontee and Maranacook lakes, among Maine's best largemouth bass waters. Nearby, near Wayne, are Androscoggin and Pocasset lakes. A long chain of smaller lakes affording very fine bass fishing extends through the towns of Readfield, Fayette and Mount Vernon.

East of the Kennebec, but still a part of this general region, is a series of good fishing waters extending down to the coast. Some

of these waters extending down to the coast. Some of these waters, well-known to the angler, are Webber Pond, Three Mile Pond, China Lake, Sheepscot Pond, Damariscotta Lake, Biscay Pond, St. Georges Pond, Megunticook Lake and Pemaquid Pond. These offer a variety of bass, trout, salmon, and togue fishing.

Excellent roads and a variety of campgrounds and motels dot this area. (For location see sec. 11 of fishing map.)

12 SEBAGO LAKE, LONG LAKE and OXFORD COUNTY REGION

(Salmon, trout, smallmouth bass, white perch)

Sebago Lake, the second largest lake in Maine, is the central point for this region that encompasses a great part of southern Maine.

Sebago is one of the best known lakes on the North American continent. It is one of the original habitats of the landlocked salmon. It is the first major body of water to free itself of ice in the spring and, as a consequence, the Maine fishing season starts here each year on the first of April. Thousands of anglers throughout the country await the word that Sebago is open, thus heralding a new fishing season.

Salmon fishing at Sebago is truly excellent during the entire spring and again in the fall. During the summer fine bass fishing is to be had. Sebago also now offers good togue fishing, thanks to a recent introduction of this deep-dwelling species by the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Department.

What is true of Sebago is, in general, also true of the many other bodies of water that make up the region. Each holds the affections of hundreds of anglers.

To the north, connected to Sebago by the beautiful Songo River, is Long Lake. In the same region are Brandy Pond, Highland Lake, Woods Pond, Crystal Lake, Thomas Pond, Lake Pennessseewassee and Moose Pond.

A few miles to the west of Sebago are Peabody Pond and Hancock Pond. Towards the east are Panther Pond and Little Sebago.

Towards the northwest is beautiful Lake Kezar, a rare jewel of a lake, nestled in the foothills of the White Mountains.

South of Sebago, in York County, lie Bunganut, Crystal, Kennebunk, Mousam and other lakes that have a wide following among visitors to the state.

This whole region also has a network of brooks and streams that furnish good fishing. Good roads lead from one lake to another in this region which also is characterized by a wealth of accommodation for the sportsman and vacationer. (For location see sec. 12 of fishing map.)

The One That Didn't Get Away Club -1991

Top Freshwater Catches From Maine Last Year — Winter & Summer



| The Fish | The Angler | Lbs. Oz. | Length (In.) | Date | Where Caught | Lure |
|--|------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|-------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Brook Trout (Qualifying Weight 4 pounds) 25 entries in 1991 | John Keen, North Anson | 6-12 1/2 | 23 | 5/9 | The Forks area | Weeping Willow |
| | Michael Espeignette, Cumberland | 6-6 | 23 | 1/1 | Middle Range Pond, Poland | live shiner |
| | Roger Kolterman, Falmouth-Foreside | 6-3 | 23 | 6/16 | Richardson Lake | West River Spoon |
| | Joe Sargent, Casco | 6-3 | 21 | 4/13 | Colfoe Pond, Casco | sewed smelt |
| | Marie Witas, Rumford | 5-12 | 24 | 5/10 | B Pond, Upton | Gray Ghost streamer |
| | Robert Field, Monmouth | 5-10 | 20 | 1/14 | Parker Pond, Fayette | live bait |
| | David Lundgren, Billerica, Mass. | 5-9 | 27 | 5/17 | Long Lake, St. Agatha | Gray Ghost |
| | Bertrand Bronn, Scarborough | 5-8 | 23 | 1/1 | Middle Range Pond, Poland | live shiner |
| | David Small, Cumberland | 5-5 | 21 1/4 | 1/1 | Range Pond, Poland | live shiner |
| | | | | | | |
| Brown Trout (Qualifying Weight 6 pounds) 20 entries in 1991 | Victor Yeomans, Acton | 13 | 29 | 4/10 | Square Pond, Acton | Rapala Shad Rap |
| | Tim Chick, Acton | 12-3 | 30 | 2/9 | Hancock Pond, Denmark | shiner |
| | S. H. Williams, Auburn | 12 | 29 | 6/1 | Square Pond, Acton | Mooselook Wobbler |
| | Verne MacDonald, Sanford | 10-14 | 28 1/2 | 5/5 | York County | bait |
| | Daniel Perry, Portland | 10-8 | 27 | 5/25 | Kennebunk Pond, Lyman | Mooselook Wobbler |
| Lake Trout (Qualifying Weight 15 pounds) 10 entries in 1991 | Robert Goodspeed, Cardville | 19 | 36 | 4/30 | Cold Stream Pond, Enfield | live bait |
| | Alger Davis, Dexter | 18 | 39 1/2 | 6/2 | Sebec Lake, Willimantic | live bait |
| | Phil Qualey, Vassalboro | 17-8 | 36 | 3/14 | East Grand Lake | lead fish |
| | Jerri Ray, Pittsfield | 16-8 | 37 | 1/26 | Millinocket Lake, Millinocket | shiner |
| | Stephen Bowden, Lewiston | 16 | 36 | 5/24 | West Grand Lake | Flat Fish |
| | | | | | | |
| Landlocked Salmon (Qualifying Weight 6 pounds) 11 entries in 1991 | Steve Anderson, New Sweden | 8-5 | 27 1/2 | 6/25 | Long Lake, Sinclair | sewed shiner |
| | Jay Bolsvert, Biddeford | 8-5/8 | 29 | 4/7 | Ossipee Lake, Waterboro | Bass Tubes |
| | Raymond Cote, Lewiston | 7-4 | 27 1/4 | 5/11 | Rangeley Lake | sewed-on bait |
| | Richard Flood, Woodland | 6-14 | 25 1/2 | 9/11 | Meddybemps Lake, Baileyville | Rapala |
| | Gail Huhtamaki, Ogunquit | 6-12 | 25 | 9/2 | Rangeley Lake | Mooselook Wobbler |
| | Joe Graves, Saco | 6-11 | 24 3/4 | 4/16 | Sebago Lake | sewed shiner |
| | Roland Plourde, Saco | 6-7 | 30 | 7/24 | Ossipee Lake, Waterboro | live bait |
| | | | | | | |
| Smallmouth Bass (Qualifying Weight 5 pounds) 7 entries in 1991 | Zach Davis, Windham | 6-8 | 21 | 8/13 | Sebago Lake | Rapala |
| | Arthur Abbott, Belfast | 5-12 | 22 | 5/11 | Swan Lake, Belfast | Manns M-79 Semi Deep Diver |
| | Rodney Bailey, Augusta | 5-11 | 21 1/2 | 8/3 | Upper Narrows Pond, Winthrop | Tube |
| | Bryan Coran, Gray | 5-6 | 21 1/2 | 4/19 | Upper Range Pond, Poland | Mickey Finn |
| | Carolyn Niebling, Colts Neck, N.J. | 5-6 | 20 3/4 | 8/22 | Great Pond, Belgrade Lakes | -- |
| | | | | | | |
| Largemouth Bass (Qualifying Weight 7 pounds) 13 entries in 1991 | Peter Locke, Kezar Falls | 9-2 | 24 1/2 | 3/17 | Stanley Pond, Hiram | shiner |
| | Hank Halterman, Bath | 9 | 20 | 2/24 | Bath | shiner |
| | George Cooper, Old Orchard Beach | 8-7 1/2 | 24 | 6/15 | York County | rubber worm |
| | Richard Baker, Pennsville, N.J. | 8-2/3 | 23 | 7/29 | Little Cobbossee, E. Winthrop | jig-n-pig |
| | Douglas Releigh, South Freeport | 7-14 | 23 1/2 | 8/30 | Cobbossee Stream | Buzz Bate |
| | Leon Adjutant, Ossipee, N.H. | 7-8 | 23 | 5/13 | Balch Pond, West Newfield | rubber worm |
| | Douglas Cooper, Old Orchard Beach | 7-8 | 21 | 4/30 | York County | spinnerbait |
| | William Love, Chelsea | 7-7 | 21 3/4 | 4/26 | Horseshoe Pond, West Gardiner | Brokenback Rebel |
| | Jeff Saucier, Lyman | 7-4 | 23 | 3/4 | Moose Pond, Bridgton | shiner |
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| | | | | | | |
| Pickereel (Qualifying Weight 4 pounds) 9 entries in 1991 | Sewell Cole, Oakland | 5-8 | 26 | 3/24 | McGrath Pond, Oakland | shiner |
| | Paul Bourassa, Buxton | 5-8 | 27 | 1/15 | Killick Pond, Hollis | shiner |
| | Jeremy Ladd, Lewiston | 5-1 | 26 1/2 | 1/27 | Androscoggin Lake, Wayne | shiner |
| | William Stees, Yarmouth | 4-8 | 25 3/4 | 2/3 | Forest Lake, West Cumberland | live bait |
| | Steven Mosley, Bar Harbor | 4-5 | 26 | 2/23 | Great Pond, Franklin | live bait |
| | Jeremy LeConte, Windham | 4-6 1/2 | 26 | 1/19 | Watchic Lake, Standish | shiner |
| | Robert Shufelt, Farmington | 4-6 1/2 | 27 | 5/21 | Crowell Pond, New Sharon | Rapala |
| White Perch (Qualifying Weight 1 1/2 pounds) 6 entries in 1991 | Robert Potter, Palermo | 2-5 | 15 1/2 | 10/16 | Quantabacook Lake, Searsmont | Gray Ghost |
| | Richard Kosack, Yarmouth | 2-2 | 15 | 5/28 | Jordan River, Sebago Lake | nightcrawler |
| | William Lang, Newington, Conn. | 2-1 | 14 1/2 | 5/23 | Sebago Lake | worm |
| | Richard Flood, Woodland | 2 | 14 3/4 | 1/6 | Meddybemps Lake, Baileyville | smelt |
| | Randall Payne, Oakland | 1-13 | 14 1/4 | 12/28 | Lovejoy Pond, Albion | live minnow |
| | | | | | | |
| Northern Pike (Qualifying Weight 15 pounds) | Michael Gibbs, Belgrade Lakes | 15-15 | 38 | 1/29 | Great Pond, Belgrade | live minnow |
| Black Crappie (Qualifying Weight 2 pounds) 6 entries in 1991 | Bill Woodward, Augusta | 2-11 | 15 1/2 | 2/20 | Sebago Lake | live bait |
| | Bill Woodward, Augusta | 2-9 | 15 | 2/5 | Sebago Lake | live bait |
| | Bob Lang, Raymond | 2-8 | 15 3/4 | 5/9 | Sebago Lake | Crappie Queen |
| | Carl Leonard Jr, Sebago Lake | 2-7 | 16 | 5/16 | Bonnie Eagle Lake, Buxton | plastic worm on Mepps Aglia |
| | Bill Lang, Newington, Conn. | 2-3 | 15 1/2 | 5/22 | Sebago Lake | Mr. Twister (purple) |
| | Bill Woodward, Augusta | 2-2 | 14 1/2 | 2/20 | Sebago Lake | live bait |

Outstanding freshwater fish caught in Maine last year and entered in The One That Didn't Get Away Club, run by The Maine Sportsman, PO Box 910, Yarmouth, ME 04096-0910. Entries must be certified by a game warden or fisheries biologist of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

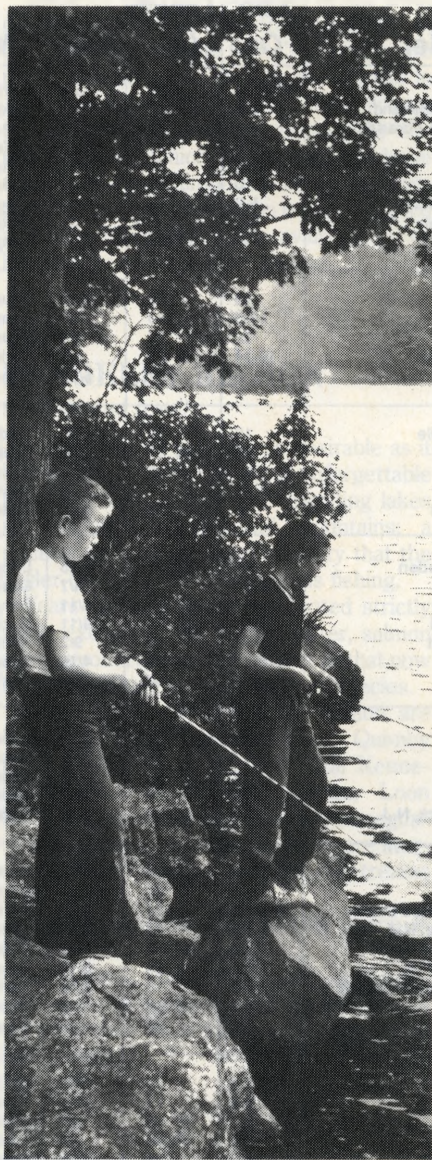
Wetting a Line in Maine

Blessed with a wealth of lakes, ponds, streams, and rivers of high quality and productivity, Maine offers a myriad of angling opportunities for fishermen of all skills. The key to successful fishing here is the same as it would be anywhere — a basic knowledge of when, where and how to go after the species in question. Of course, a generous dollop of that elusive fisherman's luck is needed as well.

The actions of fish, including their all-important desire to feed, are triggered by temperature and time of day. For example, you *could* catch a prize land-locked salmon near the surface of Moosehead Lake at noon on a calm, sunny day in August, but the chances of catching a trophy are many times greater if you are trolling a streamer fly on a windy, overcast morning in mid May. By contrast, the powerful smallmouth bass may be smashing surface plugs on eastern Maine's West Grand Lake on that same hot August day but he'll be sulking in the depths during those chilly weeks when salmon are most active. In brief, not all fish act alike. Herewith, a general guide to Maine's species.

The state has basically two kinds of fish: those that survive best in waters that are cold all year, and those that prefer the warmer, often more shallow waters of the southern lakes. There is, of course, some overlap where warm-water and cold-water species intermingle, but generally there's a sharp division between the two. You will do best by fishing for one kind or the other. As a rule, you'll find warm-water lakes and their particular species in a band that reaches from the coast back about 100 miles. Both warm- and cold-water lakes are in the next 50-mile-wide band, while the northern half of the state has mainly cold-water lakes. The lakes that harbor both warm- and cold-water species will have the cold-water fish near their surface in spring and fall, and in the cold depths during summer. In the warm months, the warm-water species can be found in the shallows and medium depths. A note of interest: fall fishing for cold-water species is much more chancy than spring fishing.

A warm September means that the fish will stay in the depths throughout the month, and fishing for cold-water species closes on September 30, with a few exceptions. Luckily, many southern Maine lakes remain open for warm-water angling until the end of October. Check the rule



books for specifics.

Fishing methods vary with the waters and the species, but a few time-tested methods include:

Trolling: Here the bait or lure is trailed behind a moving boat, sometimes on the surface, sometimes at great depth. An effective and simple rig, good when fish are near the surface, is an open-faced spinning reel loaded with eight- or 10-pound test line and a light fiberglass spinning rod of six to seven feet in length. A tiny swivel is tied to the line to prevent twist (some anglers also use a small plastic or aluminum rudder) and a streamer fly or small lure — gold, silver, or copper — is attached and trailed about

25 yards behind the boat. A similar setup, using a medium-weight fly rod and reel with level sinking line, 10- or 15-foot, eight-pound test leader, and a streamer fly or lure is equally adequate. These lightweight rigs are used for brook trout and salmon in spring and fall and for bass and pickerel in summer. The light rods assure the most action from the fish.

Togue (lake trout), salmon, and brook trout are taken with deep gear in summer by fishermen using trolling rods, lead-core or wire lines, and flashing lures or live bait. Unfortunately, the extra weight needed to get the lure down to the proper depth may dampen the action of the hooked fish. An in-between rig that preserves that action and will take cold-water fish much of the season is a light trolling rod, equipped with an ordinary fly reel on which five colors of lead-core line are spooled. Used with a long (20 or 30 feet) leader and ample backing, this will take the lure down several feet. This setup works well on salmon and brook trout in summer and will often score on togue.

Casting: The casting of lures and bait is done with spin-cast, open-faced spinning, or conventional gear. Some anglers cast for trout and salmon along a shoreline in spring, but the method is more effective when small- and large-mouth bass are in the shallows, and for catching pickerel. Surface plugs, swimming lures, and live bait may be used on the "business end". An effective technique for early-season landlocked salmon is to use this gear to drift a live smelt over known hot-spots.

Fly Casting: This classic method for catching trout and salmon calls for a fair amount of skill, knowledge of fish habitat, and an ability to read the waters being fished.

Bobber Fishing: Similar to casting, this is one of the least expensive and simplest ways to catch many warm- and cold-water species. Needed is a rod, simple reel and line, a plastic or cork bobber, hooks, a few feet of monofilament leader, and perhaps a few lead sinkers. An angleworm or night crawler is threaded onto the hook, the bobber is attached to the line to hold the hook at the desired depth, and the cast is made. Once the bobber bobs, the rod is lifted to set the hook and the catch is reeled in. This rig has been known to bring in much sought-after trout, salmon, and bass as well as sunfish and perch.

Maine's Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife manages the fisheries in

the state's seven regions. They are happy to supply information on where to find particular species within those regions, and their excellent Lake Survey sheets detail the presence and amount of game fish in a lake, as well as bait fish types, water depths, and the location of boat ramps. A catalog of these surveys is available from the department at 284 State St., Station #41, Augusta, ME 04333.

Following is a list of Maine's principal freshwater species, together with brief information on how, where, and when they can be caught. The letter in parentheses indicates how difficult each is to catch, but is only a guide. As any fisherman knows, sometimes you catch 'em, sometimes you don't. The letters designate Easy(E), Difficult(D), and Hard(H).

Cold-Water Species

Brook Trout (D): Abundant in clean, cold brooks and streams, and growing to large sizes in some ponds and lakes (where they are called squaretails), brook trout are lovely fish. They have dark, wavy-green backs, red spots on their sides, white or silver bellies, and pink or reddish lower fins with white leading edges. The legal minimum size is six inches (longer in some water), most run between six and 12 inches long. A two and one-half pound brookie is a big fish, one over four pounds is considered a trophy. Wet and dry flies, tiny metal lures, and angieworms are common baits, as are streamer flies with red and/or yellow (*Barnes Special*, *Miss Sharon*, and *Mickey Finn* streamers are good examples) that are used when trolling. Brookies are most abundant from



the middle of the state north, and run to large sizes in the Rangeley lakes, Moosehead Lake, Pierce Pond, and The Roach River.

Brown Trout (H): Tougher to catch than brook or rainbow trout, browns are the choice for those experienced anglers seeking a challenge. Occasional to common in some of the colder lakes and streams (in the band extending 100 miles back from the coast), this fish runs a few inches longer than the brook trout. In lakes like Branch, Hancock, and Androscoggin, the brown trout can be pounds heavier than the average brookie. Smelt-like streamers — *Grey Ghost* and *Black Ghost* — copper or silver *Mooselook Wobblers*, and minnow lures like the *Rebel* and the *Rapala* are effective.

Landlocked Salmon (D): This close relative to the Atlantic salmon runs smaller than its ocean brother, but is otherwise the same fish. It is common in most of Maine's large lakes, but is notoriously unpredictable in its feeding habits. Taken mostly in spring by surface trollers using streamer flies like the *Grey Ghost*, *Nine-Three*, and *Supervisor*, lures like the *Super Duper*, *Mooselook Wobbler*, or *Rapala*, or live smelts, landlocks are sleek silvery fish with black spots and a preference for jumping when hooked. Big fish are common in eastern Maine's East Grand Lake, the Fish River lakes in Aroostook County, Sebago Lake, the Rangeley lakes, and Grand Lake Stream. Legal minimum length is 14 inches, average weight is between one and three pounds. A fish of five pounds or more is a trophy.

Atlantic Salmon (H): One of the successful conservation stories of recent times is Maine's effort to resuscitate its Atlantic Salmon fishery. The prize exhibit in this program is the Penobscot River, once polluted and barren, but today one of the most prolific of salmon streams. Fishing on it was once confined to the famous Bangor Salmon Pool, but is now carried on successfully over several miles of the river. Elsewhere, Maine's traditional salmon rivers — the Dennys, Pleasant Machias and East Machias, Narraguagus, Ducktrap, and Sheepscot — produce fish each year. A special license is needed in addition to the regular state fishing license, and only fly fishing is allowed.

Togue (H): Known also as lake trout, this fish is usually brownish on the back with pale white spots on the sides and a silver or silvery yellow belly. Its sharply forked tail helps anglers differentiate between it and salmon and brown trout. Partial to deep water (though occasionally taken near the surface in spring), togue run larger than most Maine game fish—as large as 20 pounds. Successful togue fishermen are masters of deep trolling techniques, and use streamer flies, lures, and live bait like suckers and smelt. Common in deep, cold lakes (Tunk, East Grand, Moosehead, Chamberlain), togue are one of the most popular targets of ice fishermen. Minimum length is 18 inches, and three pounds is an average size.

Warm-Water Species

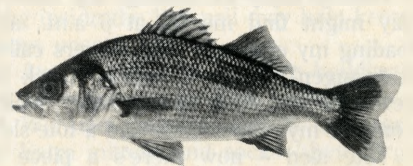
Smallmouth Bass (D): Maine is famous for its smallmouth waters, especially in lakes and ponds "Down East" in Washington County. The fish is common in hundreds of ponds in the southern part of the state, reaching its northern limit in Grand Lake Seboeis in northern Penobscot County. This hard fighter is brownish or bronze backed with dark vertical bars on its sides and a yellowish

belly. While it can be taken trolling streamers or lures, the smallmouth is best cast to with flies or lures. It spends much of its time in the shallows until midsummer, when warm temperatures drive it to cooler surroundings near rock piles. At night, bass often move into the shallows, however, and will strike surface lures after dark. The types of bass lures are legion, but those resembling minnows and frogs are reliable here.

Largemouth Bass (D): Now common in many southern lakes, the largemouth is best distinguished from its cousin by its upper lip (which extends behind the eye), its dark lateral line, and the greenish cast to its scales. Caught using the same methods and baits as the smallmouth, an average fish will run two to four pounds. Those seven pounds or larger are considered to be of trophy size. The Kennebec River, North Pond, and Cobbosseecontee and Winnegance lakes all produce big fish.

Pickereel (E): These long, lean battlers, with the "alligator" mouths are common to most warm-water ponds, inhabiting the shallows nearly all year round. They are caught with live bait, bits of red cloth skittered across the lily pads, lures and artificial flies. Surface plugs used for bass (*Flatfish* and *Jitterbug*) are equally effective on pickereel. A smashing strike by a three-pounder on the placid surface of a pond is enough to give anyone the shakes. There are no length restrictions on pickereel, but the average fish is around one to two pounds.

White Perch (E): The world-record white perch came from Maine waters, and



big humpies are common in scores of warm-waters lakes. A fish weighing over a pound is big, with trophy fish being two pounds or more. These little fish more than make up in scrap for what they lack in size, however. They will hit worms, flies, tiny jigs, little lures, and other small baits with abandon, especially if one finds a school of them. China Lake, Panther Pond, and other waters in central and southern Maine have some of the biggest specimens. There is no limit on white perch.

Yellow Perch and Sunfish (E): Angieworms and tiny spinning lures are best for these plentiful fish. Scorned by many, but delicious in the pan, these fighting rascals offer the serious fisherman an excellent chance to practice on willing targets.

Bored In Winter— Try Ice Fishing!

by Wilmot Robinson

"Flag! Flag! Last trap!", yells one of the fishermen, and three figures dash for snowmobiles, not unlike Air Force pilots "scrambling" to intercept a foreign "blip" on the radar screen.

"Flag!" is a nearly universal signal in ice fishing circles that the tip-up has been tripped and a fish is running off with the bait. Need more explanation? Try this on for starters:

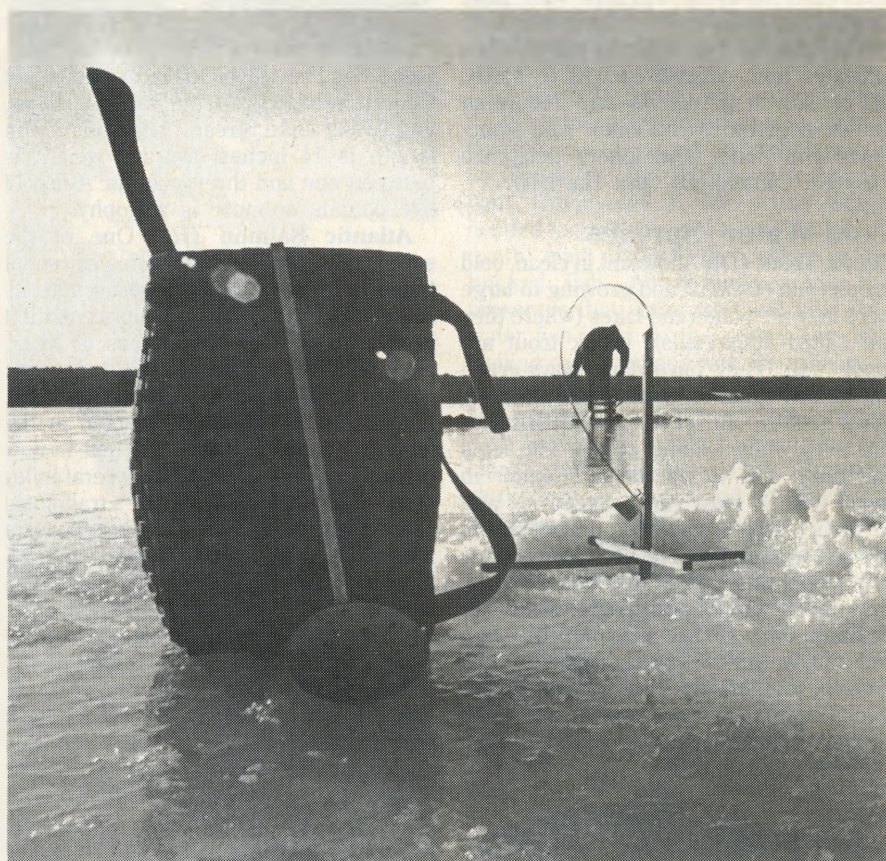
Ice fishing is one of the fastest growing winter sports in Maine. Sure, it's sometimes means a cold day on the ice, but that's just an excuse to build a fire and cook some "tube steaks" (hot dogs for the uninitiated).

One good reason for ice fishing's gain in popularity is modern technology. Power ice-augers have replaced manually-powered ice chisels; fast, sleek snowmobiles have all but put snowshoes out of business; and the clothing of the '80's would appear like something from Mars to ice fishermen of old. All in all it has made for an appeal to all family members, instead of just the die-hard outdoor enthusiasts in the family.

I really enjoy ice fishing! My favorite day might find me up at 6 a.m., and loading my equipment (old-timers called it "wangen") into my pick-up truck by seven. Next I hook up my trailer, which contains my snowmobile and a tote-sled.

Tote sled – now there's a piece of equipment seen in various shapes and sizes on lakes open to ice fishing. Probably one of the most often seen folds into a flat sled, if need be. It's a very useful feature, too, should a snowmobile break down and need to be towed by another machine. Most snowmobiles are equipped with a hitch for towing, and tote-sleds are usually spacious enough to accommodate all the equipment necessary to enjoy a day's outing. Design is limited only by the owner's ingenuity. Some have elaborate, partitioned boxes for precise fit of the contents.

Our destination today is a large lake in northern Maine. Easily reached by traveling privately owned paper company roads also accessible to the public, this body of water offers a chance to catch many species of fish, notably landlocked



salmon, trout, togue, cusk, smelts, whitefish, white perch, yellow perch, and chubs. In defense of these last two species, I want to say right here that many people eat these so-called "trash fish" in winter months, considering them delectable and as tasty as any game fish.

Traveling paper company roads, which criss-cross much of the northern portion of the state, calls for constant alertness, as huge, oversize logging trucks may be encountered, especially on week-days. The best advice I can offer is to give these trucks all the room you can, even pulling over to the shoulder and stopping, if necessary. I keep my C.B. radio tuned to Channel 19 to keep me aware of them, as drivers announce their locations frequently to alert other trucks. "Coming down!" is warning enough to me to move over and slow down.

Arrival at the lake, unloading sleds and

tote-sleds, stowing the gear into safe places doesn't take long, and soon we're getting into our warm (and surprisingly lightweight) snowmobile suits and helmets. The safari heads out across the frozen lake, eager for a day of ice fishing. There are three of us on this day, and that means we'll have fifteen holes drilled within half an hour of our arrival at our final destination, the mouth of a small brook that empties into the lake.

Since landlocked salmon are the predominant game species in this lake, we'll be setting most bait at depths ranging from just below the ice to about ten feet down. Experience has proven this to be best for success at catching salmon. Togue, on the other hand, are most often taken near bottom. The same applies to cusk and white perch. Fishermen handlining for smelts may locate schools of these silvery-sided morsels at various

levels. At one spot in eastern Maine, I have often taken smelts close to the shoreline in less than three feet of water.

"Jigging" is another way to fish for togue and whitefish. This method employs a short rod or home-made "jig stick", some complete with reels and counters that keep the fisherman aware of what depth he is fishing. The terminal tackle might vary from a lure (leadfish, Swedish pimple, or daredevil) to a hook dressed with a generous piece of bait. Bait could be dead smelts or shiners, or even a chunk of cut-bait. Many successful jiggers claim a piece of cut-bait taken from suckers is best. The method of jigging is simply to lower the bait to bottom and then bring it up a few inches. By bouncing the lure up and down, bottom-feeding fish are attracted, and will hit with force. It does work, and most "wall-hangers" are taken using this method. While jigging is a proven way to catch fish, most fishermen set out "tip-ups", too. These are also called "traps", and vary in design from fancy molded plastic types with flags that revolve as the fish swims away with the bait, to the standard four-legged wooden kind that sports a high flag on a spring steel "whip." Oldtimers may still prefer to cut a long, springy bush, setting it in such a way that cross-winds activate a piece of bough strung on a loop of line hanging from the end of the bush. A short length of running line is laid carefully on the ice near the hole, and these oldtimers will tell you this method keeps the bait moving and will result in more fish being caught. However, modern underwater traps are what most people use today.



Kevin Shields

Bait pails also vary in size and style. In past years when ice fishing was done at near-to-home flowages, mostly for pickarel, "mummy chub" was the bait. All one needed for carrying bait from home to pond was a wet woolen mitten or wool stocking. No bait pail with water slopping around in the packbasket. These chub were tough! Upon arriving at the pond, and after much time laboriously chiseling to open a hole in the ice, the fisherman would transfer the chub to a coffee can full of water from the pond. Never a casualty!

Back at our lake, the tip-ups are all in, a fire is burning near the shoreline and it's time for a coffee break. While this is a welcome moment for the coffee drinkers, breaking for coffee or lunch invariably seems to be the time when a flag will go up. It falls in the same category as stepping into a nice hot tub of bath water and having the phone ring!

We're now back to where we came into this story. "Flag! Flag! On the last set, way out!" I think we all saw the flag at the same time, and everyone yells. That's what it's all about — FLAGS! The blaze orange flag points skyward like a giant finger as three snowmobiles bear down upon it. The first thing to do is look down the hole to see if the reel spool is still turning. If it is, it means the fish is still running with the bait. A game fish will often grab bait by the head and run with it, swallowing as he goes. Bait is usually hooked either just ahead of or just behind the dorsal fin. Most fishermen will agree that a fish will stop to finish swallowing the bait. Allow a few seconds for this and — now — give a slight tug to "set the hook." You'll soon know if you have a fish on, and if it's a big one you'll really know it! Once hooked, it's just a matter of pulling him in. Big fish will fight hard and must be "played" in. No horsing these babies! I have a 7 1/4 pound salmon mounted on a moose antler at my camp that I took one cold day in March, and I was twenty-five minutes landing him.

This time, the fish is finally iced, and measures 19 inches. We're on our way!

The cry of "Flag" is heard often on this day as salmon seem to be in a feeding frenzy. Some are sub-legal and are released by unsnapping the hook from the swivel at the end of the ten-foot leader. Biologists claim the hook will either work out or simply disintegrate, causing no problems for the fish. On the other hand, trying to get the hook out of the fish's mouth could cause it to die. I never cease to marvel at how fast a fish can turn over and head for the depths beneath an eight-inch hole through 18 inches of ice.

Lunch break at noon is, as usual, the busiest time, and repeated cries of "Flag"

mean we're having a great day. When we tally up before leaving, we have five fat salmon, and one togue, about 4 1/2 pounds. Not bad for amateurs! I'd call it a super day on the ice.

If you haven't tried ice fishing, you should! Maine has a long list of waters open to this sport, some with special regulations, so a law booklet is a must. At some lakes ice shacks may be rented, notably on tidal rivers where fishing for salt water smelts, mainly at night, is a fast-action sport. Each year finds more and more of Maine's sporting camps offering warm housekeeping cottages as headquarters for winter recreationists who enjoy a variety of winter sports. Rental sleds are available at some camps.

In a different vein, I know at least one outfitter who offers winter camping trips, using sled-dogs for transportation. Guests get to drive their own dog teams, learning the art of "mushing."

It's been said that there are only two seasons in Maine, July and winter! Well, winter isn't really all that long, but by getting involved in some of its outdoor activities, you might find yourself wishing it were.

Suggested ice fishing equipment:

- A Maine freshwater fishing license. (Write: Dept. of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife, Station #41, 284 State Street, Augusta, Maine 04333.)
- An auger or chisel (gas driven or manual)
- Traps or tip-ups (many to choose from)
- Bait (smelts, shiners, night crawlers)
- Bait pail (Putting the bait in a plastic bag inside the bait pail may help keep it from upsetting)
- Axe or chainsaw (for fire building)
- Snowmobile, tote-sled, snowshoes
- Warm clothing, especially footwear
- Extra mittens and socks (they do get wet at times)
- Matches, food, liquids
- Fry pan, wire broiler, tea pail
- Sunglasses (bright sun on white snow is tough on the eyes)

Certainly all of this equipment isn't always needed, but it's nice to have it along — just in case! There are mobile ice shanties on the market that can easily be towed to the fishing spot. Wind is one of Nature's forces that can be an ice fisherman's enemy. Wind chill factors must be considered! I carry some old drapery material which can quickly be converted into a makeshift wind-break, if necessary.

I'm sure you can supplement this list with personal items.

Have a nice day on the ice, and HIGH FLAGS to you!!

Salt Water Fishing

by Barry Gibson

Maine's 3,478 miles of coastline offer some of the best salt-water fishing in the country. The rocky shoreline, interspersed with rivers and occasional beaches, combine with the rugged sea floor to provide perfect habitats for dozens of game and food species. The cold, clear water is arguably the cleanest in the U.S., and virtually all fish taken provide excellent table fare.

One of the reasons Maine's coastal angling is so productive is that fishing pressure is much lighter here than it is in many other states, mainly because you won't find many glamor species such as sailfish and marlin. Maine's best fishing, by and large, is for "meat and potatoes" varieties, although there are plenty of top-rated gamesters prowling the waters, many of record proportions.

Opportunities for visiting anglers can be broken down into three basic categories: deep-sea fishing on party or charter boats; inshore fishing on a private or rental boat; or fishing from shore. No license of any kind is needed to fish salt water.

Deep Sea Fishing

Modern, well-equipped party and charter boats can be found in almost all the major harbors along the coast. Party boats, or "head boats" as they're sometimes called, range from about 36 to 65 feet and can carry from 12 to 50 or more passengers. These vessels usually sail on a daily schedule (half- or full-day trips) from June to September, and most run additional weekend trips in spring and fall. In most cases all you need to do is call ahead and make a reservation, although sometimes you can simply show up a half-hour before sailing time and buy a ticket. All Maine skippers, however, suggest advance reservations (even if it's only a day or two ahead) so that you won't be disappointed. Weekends can be particularly busy.

The main target for party boats is the wide variety of bottom fish found anywhere from a mile or two from shore out to 20 miles or so. *Cod* are the most common catch, ranging from a few pounds to the occasional 70-pounder. Remember that cod must be at least 19" long to be legally kept but check with the captain as regulations may change.

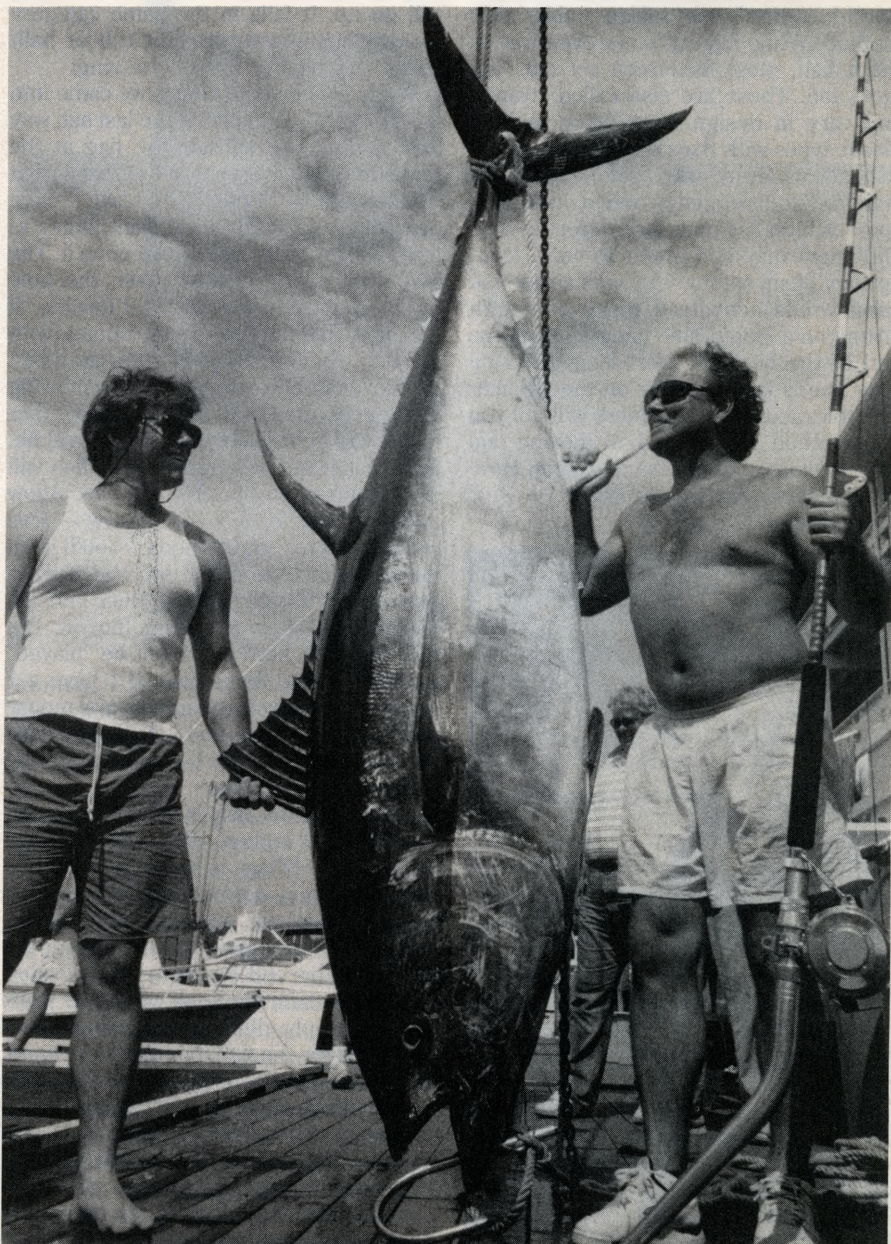
Pollock are among the gamest of deep-sea species in Maine, and action can be fast and furious when a school is encountered. These sleek, silver-gray battlers

normally run from 10 to 35 pounds when taken in the open ocean.

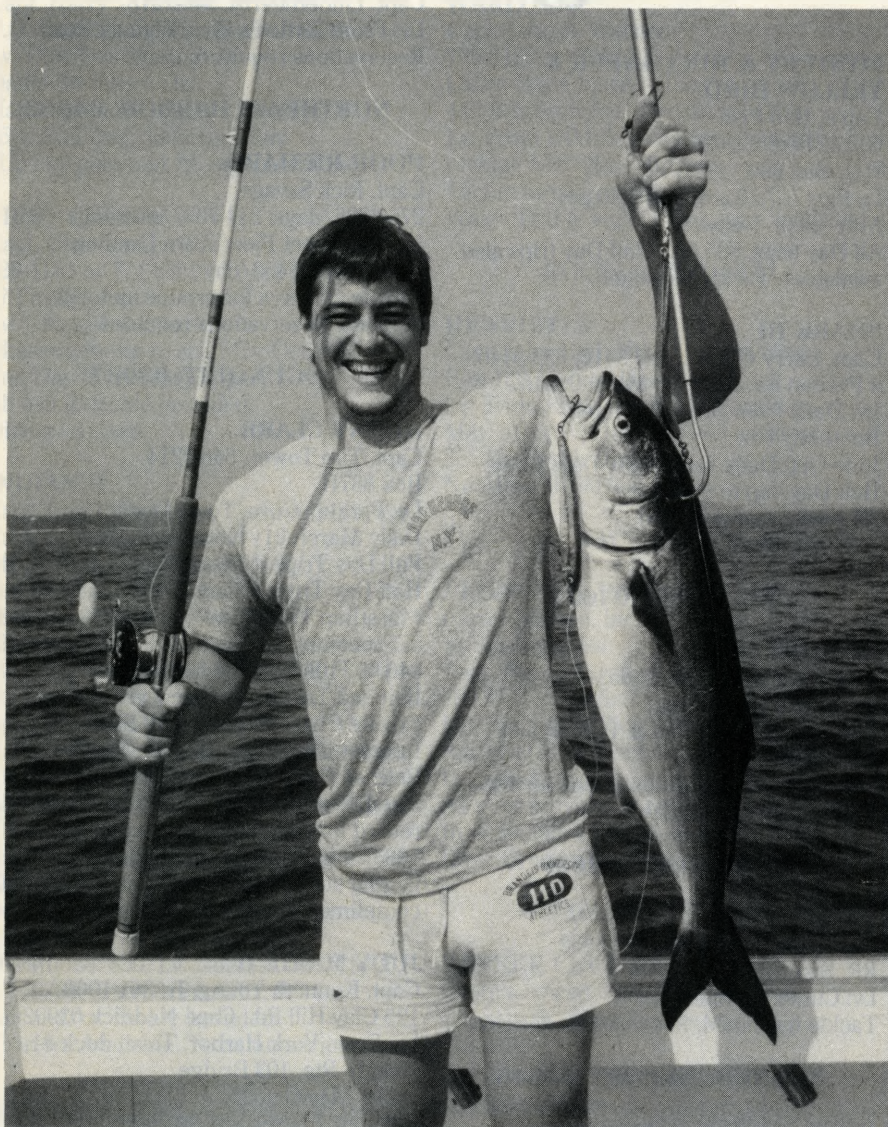
The *haddock*, which generally runs from 2 to 10 pounds, is the perennial party boat prize, primarily for its unsurpassed table qualities. They're easily identified by their single, dark lateral stripes and oversized eyes. Haddock must also be at least 19" long to be kept.

Other species commonly taken include the *cusk*, a muscular dweller of rocky bottoms weighing 5 to 15 pounds. Cusk

makes an excellent ingredient for a good old-fashioned New England fish chowder. *Hake*, another tasty species, are occasionally taken in excess of 30 pounds. The *wolffish*, good eating despite its fierce appearance, is an incidental catch, as are *cunners*, winter *flounders*, a variety of *sculpins*, *mackerel*, and a dozen others. If you're really lucky you'll tie into a *halibut*, the ultimate deep-sea trophy. These huge members of the flounder clan can weigh upwards of 200 pounds.



Barry Gibson



Above: Success! This beautiful bluefish was trolled up near the mouth of the Sheepscot River. Lipped swimming plugs account for the lion's share of blues caught off the Maine coast. Left: 550-pound bluefin tuna taken off Boothbay Harbor.

Party boats furnish each customer with a rod and reel, bait or chrome-plated jig — and plenty of good advice. Deckhands will cheerfully instruct you as to how to use the tackle. You don't need to know how to fish, or to bring any equipment of your own, to enjoy a day of party boat fishing. Prices range from \$25 to \$35 per person for a full day, and \$20 or so for a half-day.

Charter boats are also available in most harbors. These vessels are usually 24 to 40 feet in length, and they'll accommodate up to 6 people, sometimes more. All are run by fully licensed captains, and in many instances will have an extensive array of electronics and a wide selection of top-quality rods and reels, including light tackle outfits. Charter boats, besides going after all the bottom fish, also fre-

quently pursue *giant tuna* (to 1,000 pounds), *sharks*, *bluefish* and *striped bass*. Many times the skipper will "mix up" the day for you, such as a morning of bottom or bluefishing and an afternoon of tuna or shark fishing, assuring customers plenty of fillets to take home. Charter boats are perfect for small groups, families, or more serious anglers, simply because there are no crowds — it's "your" boat for the day.

Fishing Near Shore

Visiting anglers interested in fishing the near-shore waters for mackerel, flounder, bluefish or striped bass can rent a small outboard boat (in some areas) or trailer their own boat. Launch ramps are numerous, and local tackle stores and marinas can provide fuel, charts (a must),

bait, and advice on where to try your luck.

Mackerel are extremely popular among small-boaters, and can be caught from early June through September on tiny chrome jigs or by trolling multi-hook "mackerel trees" available in most tackle and hardware stores. These fish average a pound or so in weight, are scrappy fighters, and are delicious when split and pan-fried or grilled over charcoal.

Bluefish are one of Maine's true gamesters from late June through September, and they normally run 8 to 20 pounds. Most anglers troll plugs rigged on short wire leaders for these toothy critters, and when a fish hits he'll often jump repeatedly before you can work him boatside.

The *striped bass* is another fine game fish, most often taken near river mouths or well up into the rivers themselves. These fish are wary and can be finicky feeders, but you can do well on trolled spoons, plugs, or live or cut bait. Most fish taken are "schoolies" of 3 to 10 pounds, but 50-pounders are taken every year. Currently there's a limit of one striped bass per person per day, and they must be at least 36" long. Striper laws can change quickly, though, so it's best to check state laws before heading out.

Fishing From Shore

Fishing with light spinning tackle from Maine's rocky shoreline or harbor docks and piers can be a lot of fun, and action can be brisk for a myriad of smaller species. *Cunners* (often called bergalls) up to a pound or so are plentiful, and if you take the time to fillet them and remove all the small bones, you'll find that their flesh is sweet. *Harbor pollock* (the young of the open-ocean adults) are feisty fighters and are easy to catch, but they're not very good eating so it's best to release them unharmed. Flounders, sculpins, small "tinker" mackerel, and others oblige anglers of all ages. The best all-around rig is a small hook tied 6" above a light sinker, baited with a piece of seaworm, or clam, although the meat of a periwinkle or mussel will often work just as well.

Surf fishing from the beaches is popular along the southern third of the state's coastline, and some good catches are made. Striped bass are most sought after, and the majority of the big ones over 20 pounds are taken at night on live eels or chunks of mackerel or pogey (menhaden). Blue-fish muscle in on the act, often in daytime, and can be taken on plugs and lures as well as bait. Bring a pair of waders and a rugged surfcasting outfit from 9 to 12 feet loaded with 20-pound test line. Local tackle shops can supply bait, equipment, and up-to-the-minute information on current "hot spots." 🐟

Deep Sea Fishing

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BAR HARBOR 04609

DOLPHIN

Frenchman Bay Co.
P.O. Box 153
288-3322
Lv: 1 West Street
Daily: May 27-Oct 15
In-Season Half Day trips: 8:15am & 1:30pm (Approx. 4 1/2 hrs)
Off Season Half Day trips: 11:30am \$25/1/2 day - includes gear/bait.
Reservations recommended.
40 Passenger max.

BATH 04530

KAYLA D & OBSESSION CHARTERS

Capt's. David Dooley & Dave Pecci
442-8552
173 North St.
Lv: Bath waterfront park
May-October, daily-flexible hours.
Equipment and bait included, call for rates. 6 person max. We also offer diving & sightseeing trips.

BOOTHBAY HARBOR 04538

BINGO & BINGO CHARGER

Capt. George Warren & Capt. Jeff Ritter
882-9309 or 633-3775
P.O. Box 463
Lv: From Tugboat Inn
Daily, Apr-Oct.
Bingo: 7:30, \$27 + \$3 rod rental.
Bingo Charger: 8am & 1pm, \$25.00
Charters available.

BREAKAWAY

Capt. Pete Ripley, 633-6990 or 633-4414
Royall Rd., Box 860M
East Boothbay 04544
Lv: Ocean Point & Pier 6, Boothbay Hbr.
May 25 thru October 25
Sportfishing per person three times daily, July and August. Twice daily weekends, May, June, Sept. & Oct.
\$30/Adult; \$20/child (under 10).
Charters: \$550/day; \$330/1/2 day
All equipment provided. Blues/Stripers/Mackeral/Sharks.

LUCKY STAR

Capt. Matt Wilder
633-4624, (evenings) 633-4446
P.O. Box 161
Lv: From Pier 8
June-Sept, daily 8am-4pm
Max: 6 persons, all equip. furnished.
1/2 day: \$260; Full day: \$450

MYSTERY & BUCCANEER & YELLOW BIRD

Cap'n. Bob Fish
633-3244/633-2626
P.O. Box 660
Lv Pier 7: 7:30 am; Ret: 3:30 pm
May - Sept. Daily
All Day trips, \$35.00. (Half Day trips also available). Tackle furnished.

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Capt. Barry Gibson, 633-3416/633-5440
4 Puritan Rd, Beverly, Mass. 01915
Lv: Daily from Brown's Motel, Boothbay Hbr.
June-Oct: Daily 8am, \$590/Day; \$390/Half Day - up to 6 people.
All equipment provided.
Our 22nd season.

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Capt. George S. Harris, 853-4303
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June 15- Sept. 15; 7am & 1:30pm, 4-hr trips.
\$13.00 per person, Rods & Bait furnished.
Whale Watches available.

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Capt. John E. Norton, 497-5933
RR, Box 340
Lv: Cutler or Jonesport
Tackle furnished, Reservations required.

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Capt. Ben Emery, 967-4938
P.O. Box 2775
Lv: Arundel Boatyard, Rt. 9, By-the-Bridge
Weekends Only: May thru Mid-June & Sept.
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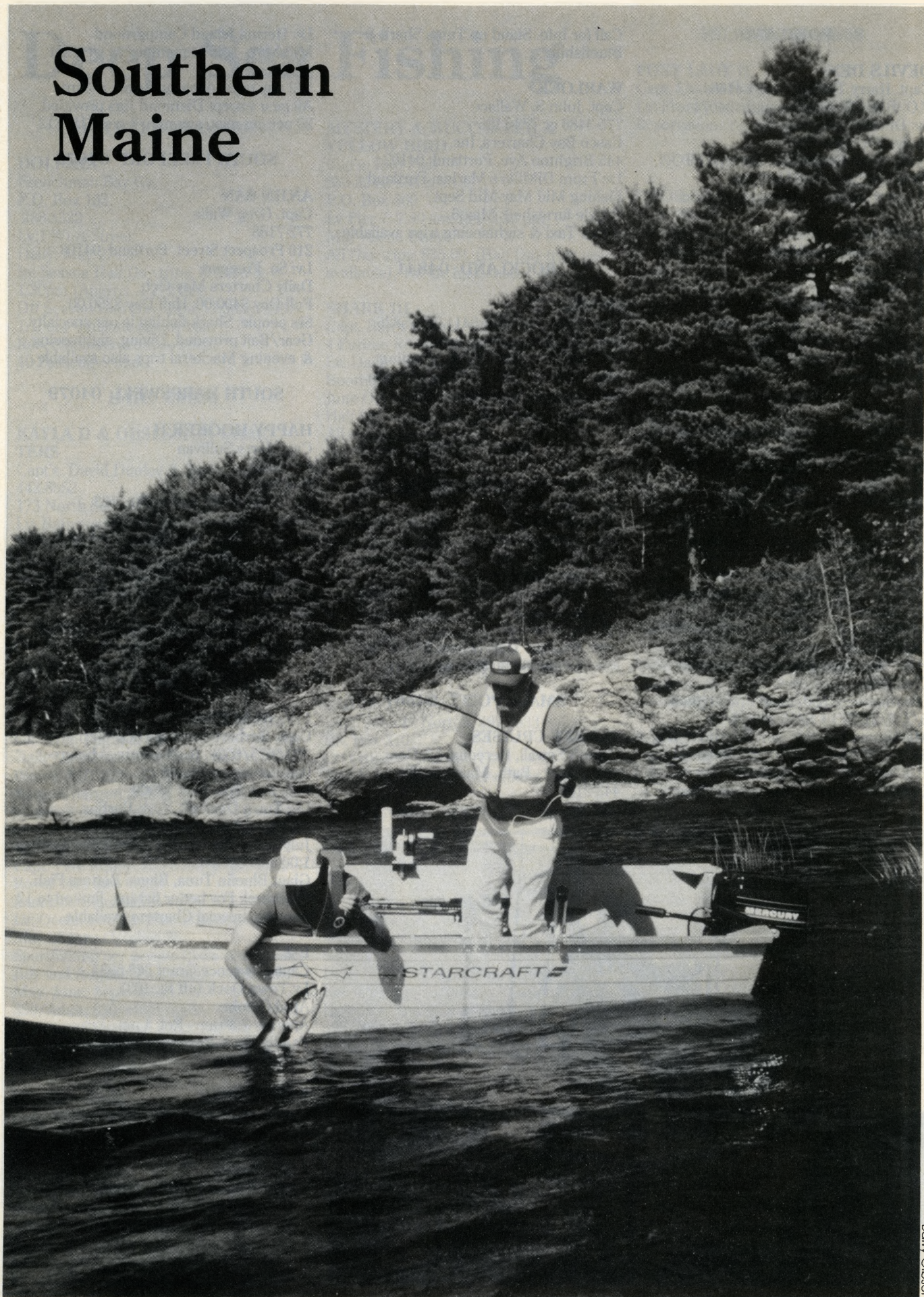
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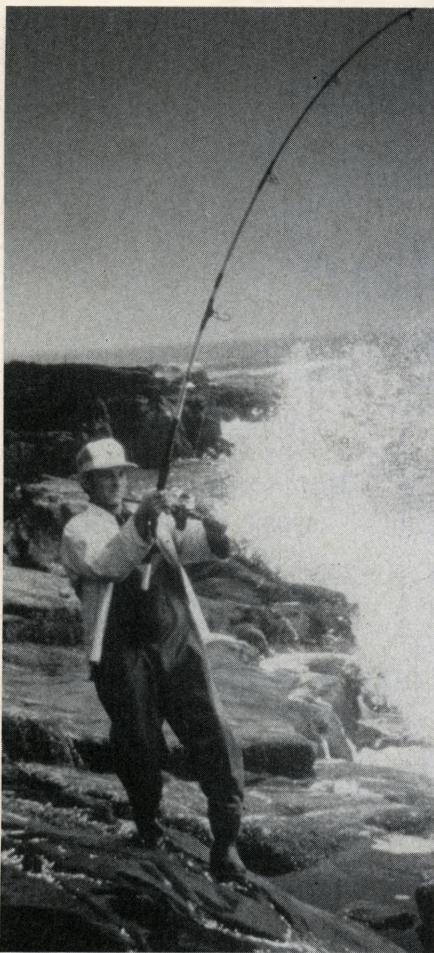


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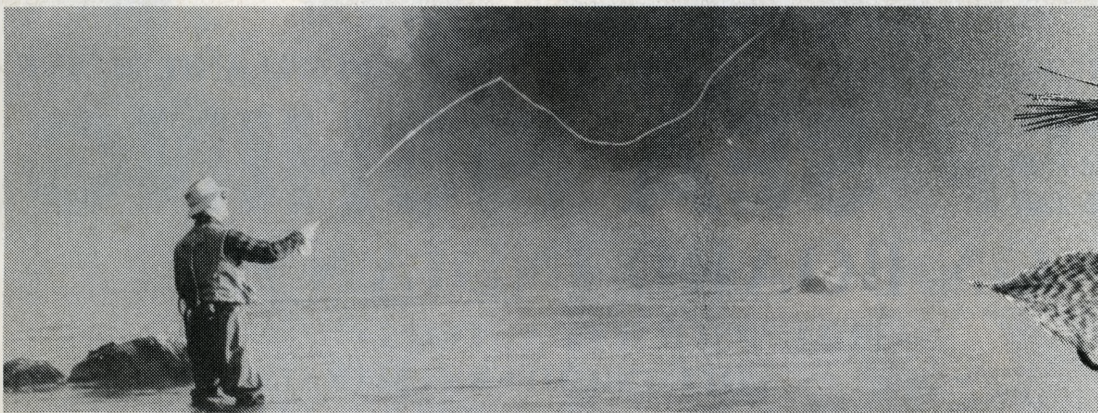
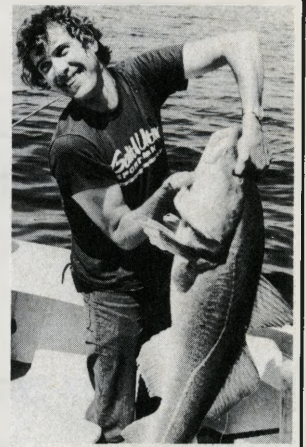
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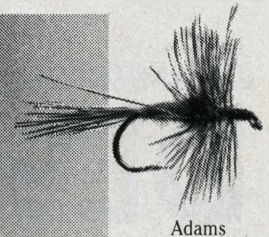
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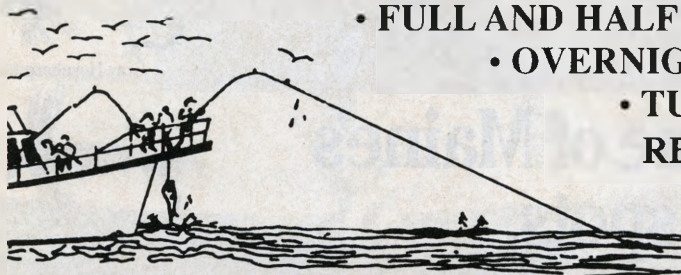
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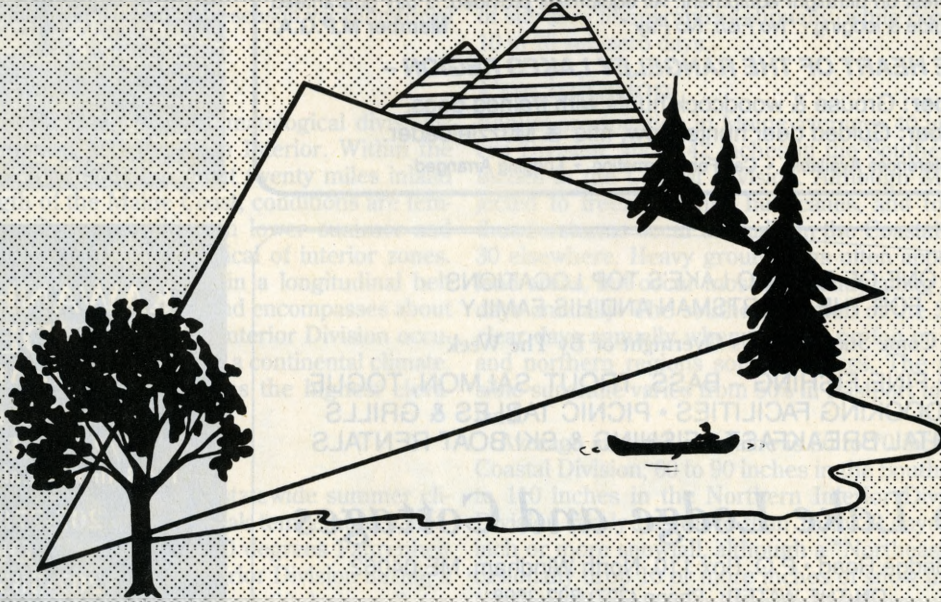
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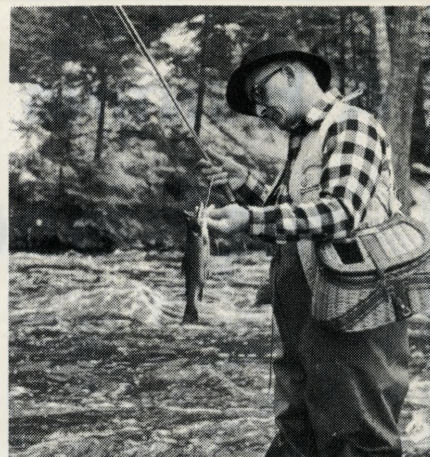
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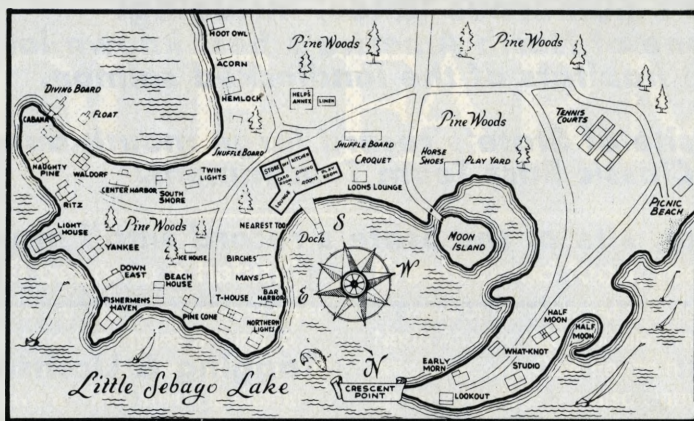
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Maine has one of the most comfortable statewide summer climates in the continental United States. Peak temperatures, normally occurring in July, average about 70 degrees Fahrenheit throughout the State. In the Southern Interior Division during a very warm summer, temperatures may reach 90 degrees F. for as many as 25 days, and in the Coastal Division, 2 to 7 days. Summer nights are usually cool and comfortable. Winters are

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Precipitation

Annual precipitation in Maine averages 40 inches in the Northern Division, about 42 inches in the Southern Division and 46 inches in the Coastal Division. Although Maine is rarely subjected to freeze storms, hurricanes, and tornadoes, 10 to 20 thunderstorms occur annually in the Coastal Division and 15 to 30 elsewhere. Heavy ground fogs often appear in low-lying inland areas, but occur most frequently along the coast, 25 to 60 days annually. The southern portion of the State has 80 to 120 clear days annually when there is no fog or other precipitation and northern regions somewhat less. The percentage of possible sunshine varies from 50% in Eastport to about 60% in Portland.

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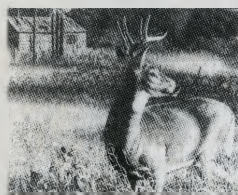
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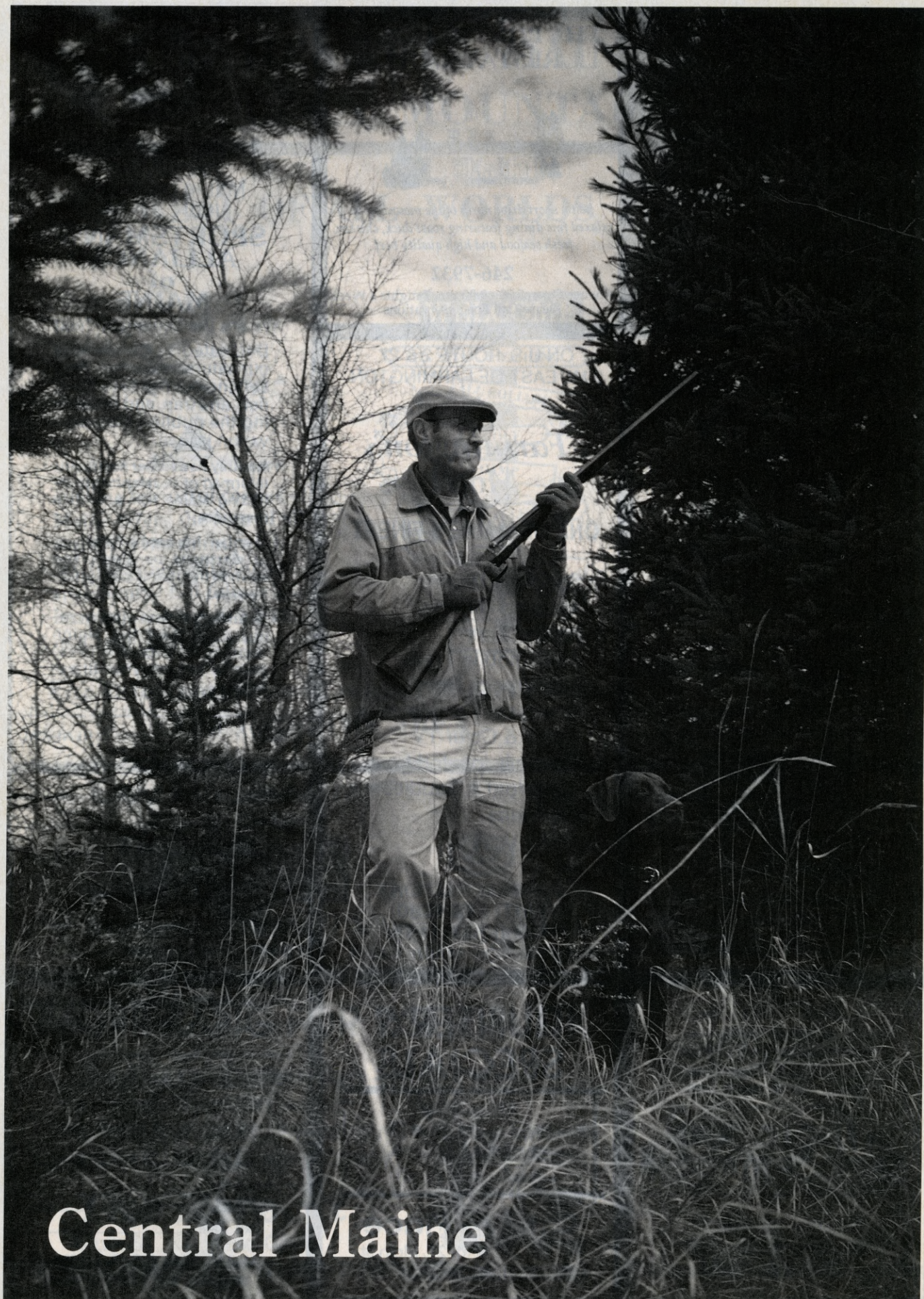
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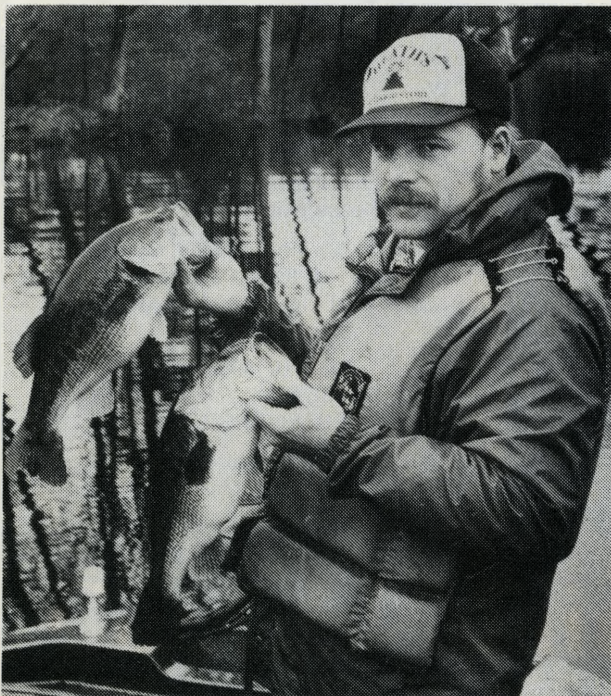
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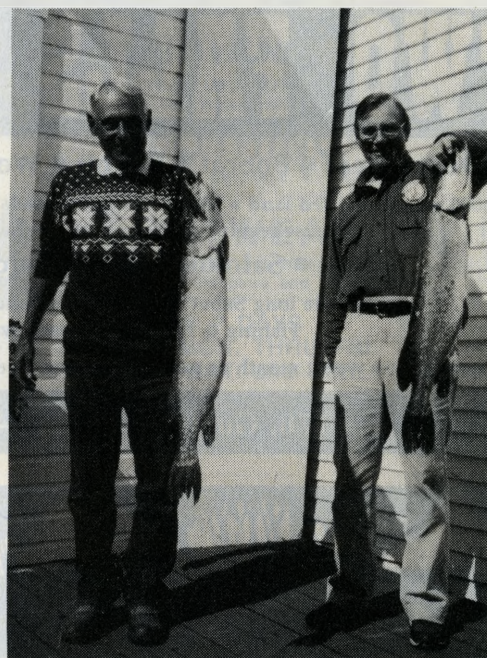
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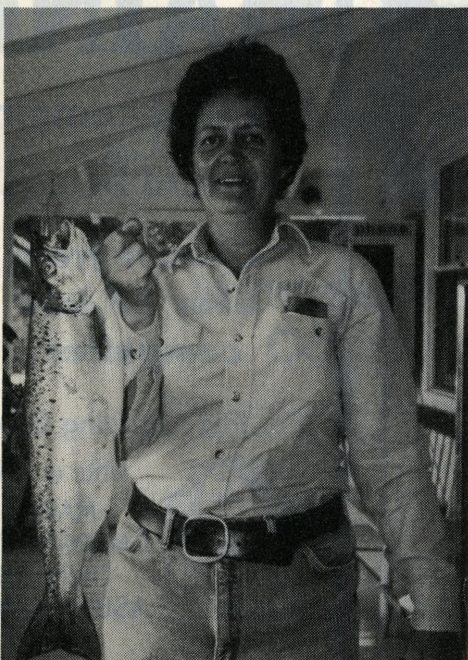
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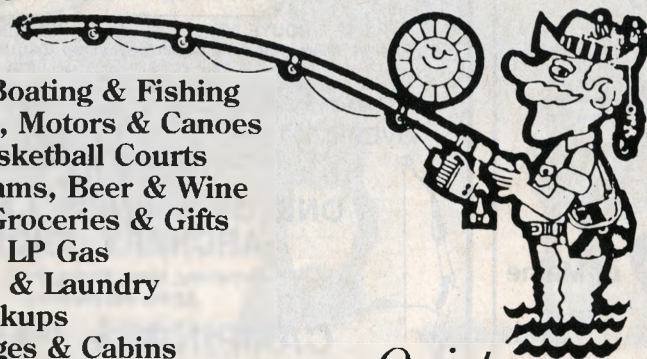
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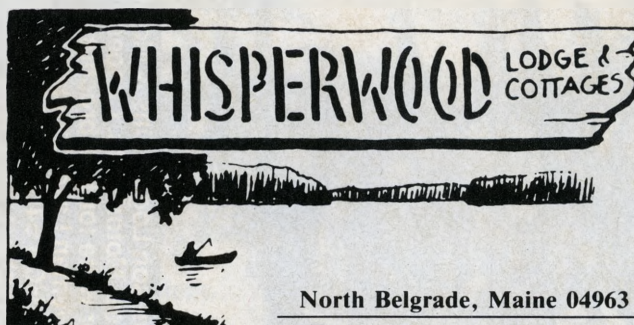


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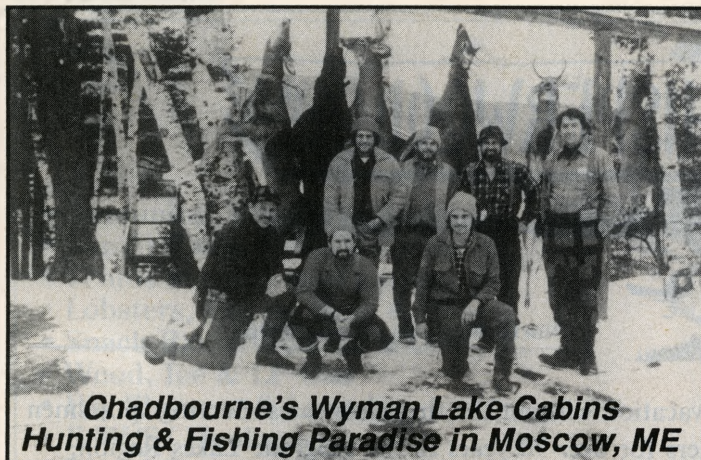
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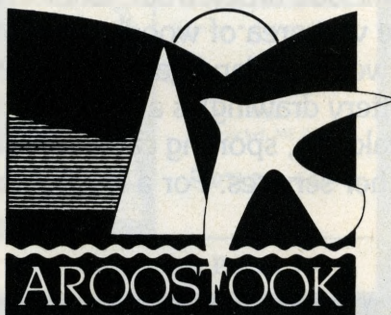
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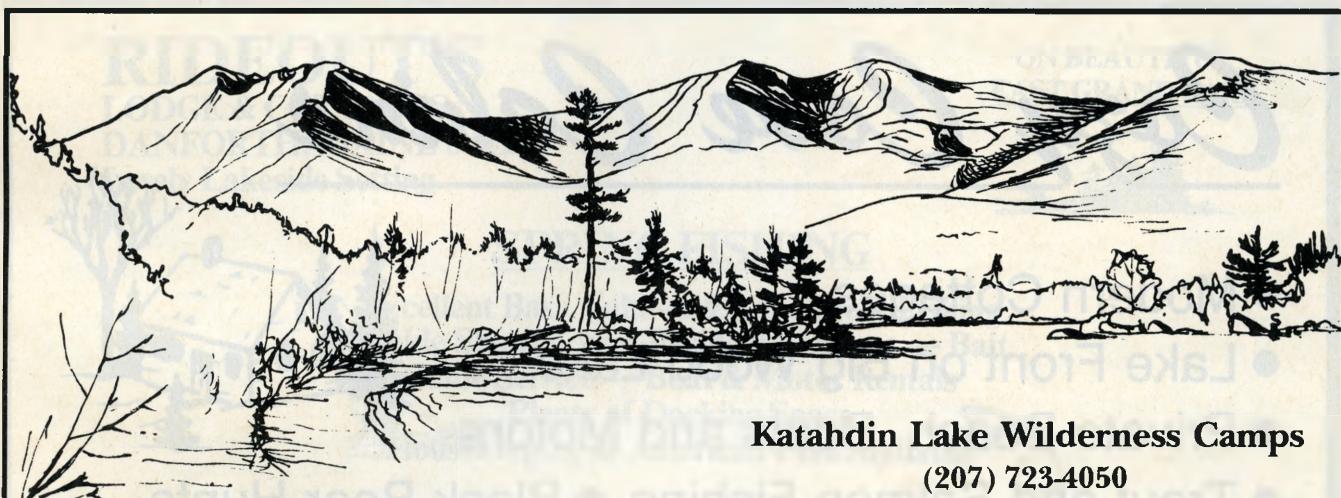
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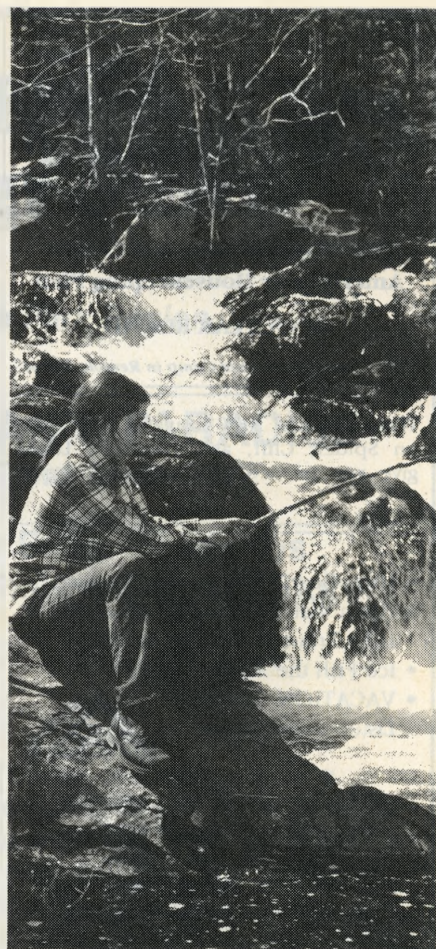
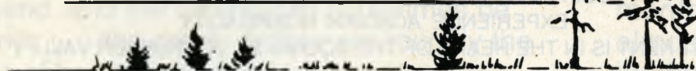
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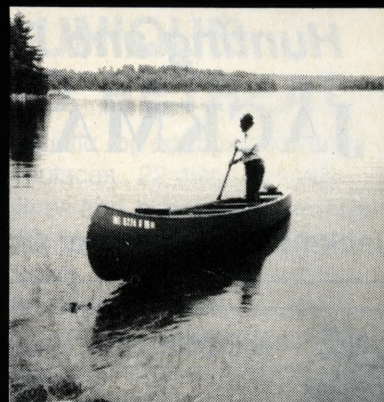
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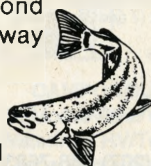
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

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