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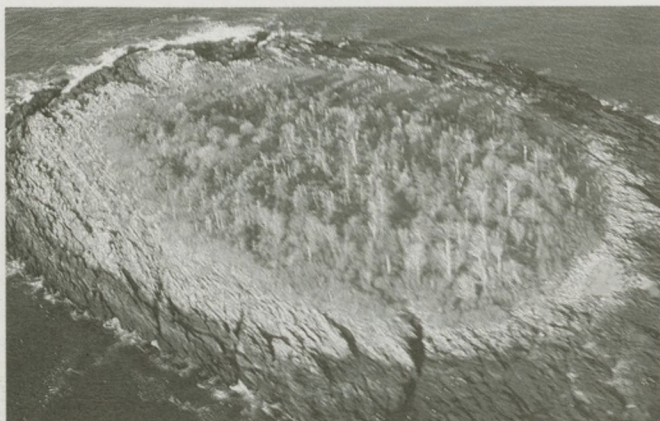
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Conservation Partnerships: The Nature Conservancy and Public Agencies



JOHANNA THOMAS

Mark Island (above) in Casco Bay and the South Lubec Sand Bar in eastern Washington County (right) were the subjects of a recent cooperative land protection project between The Nature Conservancy and the Land for Maine's Future Board.



BILL SILLIKER JR.

Recent Cooperative Effort with State Highlights Conservancy's Critical Role in Public Land Protection

Those familiar with The Nature Conservancy know that one of the ways we most cost-effectively achieve our mission is through working closely with state and federal governments, leveraging public land protection funds to purchase ecologically critical sites. Often we negotiate land purchases on behalf of the government, as was the case with the 40,000-acre "Nahmakanta" purchase completed by the Land for Maine's Future Board in the fall of 1990.

We also use our own funds to pur-

chase priority lands for eventual transfer to government ownership, in cases where public management is most appropriate for the given parcel of land. In these cases, we transfer the land at our cost to the public agency, and frequently absorb many of the associated expenses. (The chart on page 2 lists statistics about the lands we have worked with governments to protect statewide; in addition, this issue's Director's Column discusses our role in government land protection in more detail.)

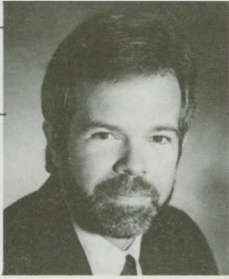
The State of Maine's recent purchase

of Mark Island in Casco Bay and the Conservancy's simultaneous donation of the South Lubec Sand Bar to the State illustrate one way we work with governments. In early May of this year, the state's Land for Maine's Future Program (established in 1987 through a \$35 million bond issue to purchase lands of scenic, recreational, and ecological importance) obligated funds to purchase Mark Island. In 1990, The Nature Conservancy

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THE DIRECTOR'S COLUMN

by
Kent W.
Wommack

Cooperation to Save the Nature of Maine

The Nature Conservancy has long recognized that preserving Maine's best natural areas is not a job we can accomplish alone. Indeed, our only hope for stemming the loss of endangered species habitat is to work cooperatively with interested landowners and other conservation partners, both public and private.

The Maine Chapter now owns and manages 86 nature preserves statewide, part of the largest private system of nature preserves in the world. But over the last three decades we have also helped conservation partners protect 69 additional sites, from small coastal islands to vast stretches of the Great North Woods.

More often than not, our partners have been state agencies: the Land For Maine's Future Board, Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Bureau of Public Lands, and Bureau of Parks and Recreation. But we have also extended a helping hand to local land trusts, gar-

den clubs, towns, and federal agencies to protect lands of mutual concern.

In many cooperative projects, the Conservancy volunteers its time and expertise in negotiating a land purchase on behalf of another agency, which then purchases the property directly from the landowner. In other cases, when the interested agency does not have money immediately available for a priority acquisition, we will buy the land ourselves, then hold it until the cooperating agency is able to repurchase it.

By negotiating cost-effective bargain sales and donations on behalf of public agencies, we have helped save taxpayers nearly \$9 million on conservation purchases in Maine (and several hundred million dollars nationwide).

It is the Conservancy's policy to transfer lands purchased on behalf of other agencies "at cost". For example, land which is donated to the Conservancy for transfer to another agency is generally passed along for free. In cases where we "pre-acquire" land in Maine, the recipient agency is charged only our direct expenses upon transfer. (Direct expenses include fees for legal services, surveys, etc., but not staff time, which is often considerable.)

In many cases, however, the Maine

Chapter has further subsidized these acquisitions in order to help stretch scarce public dollars. The two projects highlighted in this newsletter are a good case in point.

Several years ago, when Mark Island and the South Lubec Sand Bar were put on the market, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (IFW) didn't have the funding to purchase them, even though both were considered protection priorities. The landowners were delighted to sell to a conservation agency, but couldn't wait indefinitely for public funding to appear. Rather than risk losing these natural areas, we agreed to purchase the sites, and to begin raising private money to help pay for them through our Maine Legacy campaign.

Thus, thanks to the generosity of our members and a grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, we were recently able to donate the South Lubec Sand Bar to the State in conjunction with its purchase of Mark Island. This will ensure that the Lubec property is properly managed, not only for the tens of thousands of migrating shorebirds which depend on it, but also for the local clamdiggers, fishermen, and other people who need access to the shore.

Conservancy members cannot preserve Maine's best natural lands alone; and, due to limited resources, neither can public agencies. By working together, however, we just might succeed.

Cooperative land protection projects with partner organizations, both public and private, are an important part of The Nature Conservancy's efforts to preserve Maine's natural diversity and finest lands. As illustrated in the chart below, through this type of partnership the Maine Chapter has helped establish numerous wildlife management areas, state parks, and local recreational lands open to the public, and has saved agencies over \$9 million in land purchases.

Partner Agency	Number of Parcels	Acreage	Cost to Agency	Value at time of transfer
Federal	27	20,123	\$8,693,675	\$11,060,456
State	32	51,846	\$20,856,262	\$24,783,835
Local	8	602	- 0 -	\$365,000
Private	23	1,823	\$375,000	\$3,016,100
TOTAL	90	74,394	\$29,924,937	\$39,235,391

Savings to Partner Agencies \$9,310,454

Mark Island/South Lubec Sand Bar

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had arranged the purchase of this property by one of its members with the understanding that funding for a conservation purchase of the island would be arranged within two years. As part of this transaction, the Maine Chapter donated to the State the South Lubec Sand Bar in Washington County.

These two properties, of primary importance to nesting wading birds and migrating shorebirds respectively, had been protection priorities for the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. The chapter had arranged their protection with the hope that ownership and management would eventually fall to this agency. With the defeat of two consecutive land acquisition bond issues in 1990 and 1991, however, funding sources remained uncertain.

Early this year, an acquisition proposal was presented to the LMFB for the purchase of Mark Island. Recognizing the resource value of Mark Island and impressed with the "match" offered in the Conservancy's donation of the South Lubec Sand Bar, the LMFB agreed to fund the purchase. When these projects were announced publicly, the LMFB received more public comments supporting these transactions than it had received for any other purchase.



Great blue heron.

The South Lubec Sand Bar,

located at the eastern edge of Washington County, is considered a critical component of one of Maine's most important shorebird staging areas.

The property, a mile-long sand and gravel spit running parallel to the shore, protects extensive mud flats that host tens of thousands of migrating shorebirds in the late summer and early fall.

The Nature Conservancy purchased the property for \$40,000 from a Connecticut couple who at one time were planning to use the property as a trailer park. This purchase protects the sand bar itself, associated saltmarshes that separate it from the shore, and, perhaps most important, the wide, nutrient-rich mud flats exposed during low tides.



MORGAN HEBARD, JR.

The South Lubec flats are one link in a hemisphere-long chain of wetlands considered critical for migrating shorebirds. During migration, thousands of semi-palmated sandpipers, semi-palmated plovers, black-bellied plovers, ruddy turnstones, sanderlings and other species congregate on the mud flats to feast on insects, worms and other invertebrates. Without the mud flats' bounty of food and the opportunity to rest undisturbed on the uplands, the shorebirds would not have enough energy to complete their migrations, which can total more than 4,000 miles for some species.



BILL SILKIN, JR.

Upland section of the South Lubec Sand Bar.

Mark Island is located four miles due east of Bailey Island at the eastern edge of Casco Bay. During the spring and summer months, its trees are filled with black-crowned night herons, great blue herons, and snowy egrets. In fact, Mark Island is the northernmost nesting site for the snowy egret in the northeastern United States. Common eiders, herring gulls, and greater black-backed gulls also nest on Mark Island's rocky shore.

In 1989, the Maine Chapter learned that the island was being marketed by a

West German firm and that a New York City buyer was negotiating for its purchase to build a summer home there. In response to this news, The Nature Conservancy — with the critical assistance of one of its members—acted quickly. The member agreed to purchase the island if the chapter negotiated the purchase and promised to arrange the repurchase of the island by a conservation agency within two years.

The Protection of Mount Agamenticus Continues

The Conservancy and Land for Maine's Future Board Protect 500 Additional Acres

For close to three years, The Nature Conservancy and the Land for Maine's Future Board have been working to protect Mount Agamenticus, a remarkable natural area in southern York County. In the fall of 1990, the Conservancy and LMFB announced that three key parcels, encompassing over 475 acres, had been protected for conservation and recreational uses. (Please refer to the February, 1991 issue of *Maine Legacy*.) Since then, a fourth tract was added to the project.

Now the chapter is pleased to inform our members that we have negotiated the purchase of a fifth parcel, the largest one to date. This parcel includes more than 500 acres in the towns of York and South Berwick and abuts other properties previously acquired by the LMFB as well as a 200-acre tract owned by the Town of York. When the LMFB concludes the purchase (following completion of the final survey and title work), the Conservancy-LMFB partnership will have protected close to 1,000 acres at Mount Agamenticus.



BILL SILIKER, JR.

Mount Agamenticus consists of three peaks located at the center of one of the largest areas of undeveloped forest land in southern Maine. Its unusual ecological features, including occurrences of four rare plants and the endangered Blanding's turtle, brought it to the attention of the Conservancy as a potential protection priority many years ago.

The summit of Mount Agamenticus.

In addition, for nearly two decades, concerned citizens in the region have been working to protect the mountain from development. Their work led to The Town of York's purchase of the summit in the early 1970s. Until passage of the 1987 legislation and bond referendum that created and funded the LMFB, however, difficult title questions and an absence of funding had prevented further progress toward the protection of this invaluable natural area.

Proposed to the LMFB as an acquisition project by a coalition of local citizens, Mount Agamenticus received the highest ranking of all properties proposed for LMFB acquisition, receiving 196 of 200 possible points. Given the ecological importance of the area, the Maine Chapter was pleased to help bring the proposal to fruition by serving as lead negotiator for the Board.

The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife will manage the Mount Agamenticus conservation area to balance protection of its natural features with appropriate recreational uses.

Several tree species considered rare in Maine are found at Mount Agamenticus.



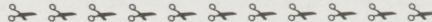

Chapter Receives Memorial Trade Land Gift

A forty-eight acre tract of land in the western Maine town of Sweden has been donated to the Maine Chapter as a trade land by Zane A. Thompson, a longtime Chapter member. Trade lands, in Conservancy parlance, are lands with no unusual ecological significance which are donated to the Conservancy with the understanding that they will be sold—and the proceeds used—to protect the state's most significant natural areas.

Wishing to support the chapter's work while at the same time acknowledging his family's connection to this land, Mr. Thompson of Roque Bluffs made this unrestricted gift in honor of his parents, Charles E. and Alta A. Thompson of Bridgton. Since many of Mr. Thompson's ancestors came from the Waterboro/Newfield area, we hope to be able to use the proceeds from the sale of this property as the Thompson family's contribution to the protection of the Waterboro Barrens, the centerpiece of the chapter's current Maine Legacy capital campaign.

The Maine Chapter is most grateful to Zane Thompson for this exceptionally generous expression of support.

For more information about The Nature Conservancy's Trade Lands program, please clip the coupon below and mail it to the Maine Chapter office.

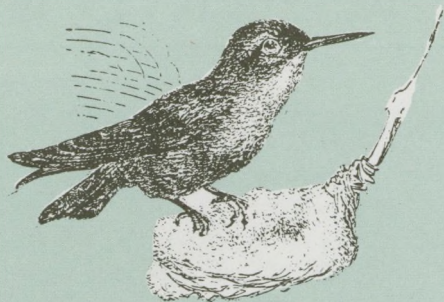



more information
about The Nature
Conservancy's trade land
program or would like to
discuss the potential gift of a
particular tract of land as a
trade land.

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Trade Lands: A Critical Source of Support

*A warehouse in Portland...
A summer cottage in Camden...
A hacienda in Spain...
A shooting-box in Scotland...*

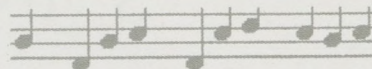
These properties have little or no ecological importance. Yet they could be vital contributions to The Nature Conservancy's land preservation program. The Conservancy can and does accept gifts of real estate without significant natural values so it can sell the land and use the proceeds to purchase lands with significant natural values. These properties are called "trade lands."

Over the past several years, trade lands donated by individuals and corporations to the Maine Chapter have been sold — with restrictions when appropriate — to produce critical dollars for the chapter's acquisition of outstanding natural lands.

The proceeds from these trade lands are used directly for the purchase of Maine's most critical and spectacular habitats— island seabird colonies, bald eagle nesting areas, old-growth forests, peatlands, and more.

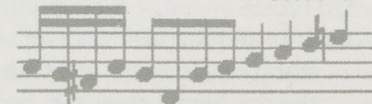
Trade lands donated to the Maine Chapter can be located either within the state or elsewhere. (One person even donated a villa in Spain to the Conservancy!) The land may be developed or undeveloped—residential, commercial or industrial property.

If an undeveloped parcel is offered to the chapter as a trade land, it is thoroughly examined by Conser-



*I've a shooting-box in Scotland,
I've a chateau in Touraine,
I've a silly little chalet,
In the Interlaken Valley,
I've a hacienda in Spain,
I've a bungalow at Simla,
I've an island east of Maine,*

— COLE PORTER
"I've a Shooting-Box
in Scotland"



vancy staff and by an independent ecological expert to check whether any ecologically significant attributes exist. If they do, the property can be accepted as a preserve, or other protective arrangements can be made prior to sale by the Conservancy.

Aside from the satisfaction of aiding conservation in Maine, trade land gifts provide donors with several important financial benefits.

The value of the contributed property is usually tax-deductible—just as with a gift of ecologically significant land. Furthermore, gifts of real estate eliminate property tax liability as well as land-holding and marketing problems, avoid capital gains tax liability, and provide other attractive financial advantages.

All donors of trade lands become Honorary Life Members of the Conservancy and receive a handsome certificate as a token of our appreciation. In general, proceeds from the sale of a trade land may be earmarked by the donor for a particular project or fund.



STEWARDSHIP

Dedicated Volunteers are the Mainstay of Conservancy Preserve Management

On Monday morning, with a cup of coffee for the road, the Maine Chapter's stewardship director, Julie Henderson, gets in her truck and drives for two hours to Stonington. There she meets volunteers Ralph and Leideke Hagopian who take her on a tour of the Maine Chapter's island preserves they are caretaking for the summer. With the ocean breeze as one of their guiding forces, Leideke and Ralph, former school teachers who have retired to Maine, tell Julie they're happy they can contribute to preserving the Maine coast by being preserve stewards for the Maine Chapter of The Nature Conservancy.

Later in the week, Julie may be flying into Big Reed Forest Reserve with hunting and fishing guide Dave Youland, who offers guided fishing trips to Big Reed Pond.

Julie says it helps her to do her job if she knows exactly what motivates volunteer stewards. While Ralph and Leideke are motivated by their love of the Maine coast, Dave likes knowing that Big Reed Pond and the forest around it are protected. By sharing a day with them in their environment, Julie can reinforce their objectives and find out what materials they may need, as well as learn what has happened on the land since she's last visited them.

*Right:
Wreck Island
Below right:
Maine Chapter
Director of
Science and
Stewardship Julie
Henderson
(right) with
Trustee Carol
Wishcamper.*



With short summers and 87 preserves spread over the state of Maine, Julie says she tries to visit the stewards at each preserve at least once every three years.

Otherwise, she is in touch through the mail or by phone. "I rely on them for firsthand information," she says. "When a hurricane hit one of our islands, a lobsterman who watches over the preserve called up to tell me how the buildings had fared and what shape our dock was in."

Family ties to the land seem to engender the strongest commitment to stewardship, Julie says. Margaretta Thurlow's family has lived on Fernald's Neck in Megunticook Lake for several generations. "She takes her volunteer responsibilities very seriously."

The forested peninsula has a 10-member stewardship committee. Earlier members raised money, bought the land, and donated the preserve to The Nature Conservancy. Over refreshments on the front porch of one volunteer's 200-year-old Fernald's Neck farmhouse, Margaretta tells Julie how she didn't want to post "no swimming" signs —

Preserve Steward Ralph Hagopian fulfilling one of his less-glamorous responsibilities at Wreck Island Preserve.



after all, for generations, family and friends had gone swimming there. But it has become too popular a spot, parking is a problem, and there have been letters to the Conservancy about local students skinny dipping.

Julie has a special fondness for Nature Conservancy volunteer Gene Ernest, a retired woodsman. Gene is a short, burly man who knows his way around the woods, says Julie. Having grown up in Maine, he moved to Alaska a couple of decades ago to look for work.

"Last summer we advertised to hire somebody to mark boundaries on our forested preserves," Julie says. "Gene came back to Maine and answered the ad as a volunteer, meaning we didn't have to pay anyone. You know what convinced me he was the right person for us? He wrote in a letter to me, 'I left Maine 20 years ago, but my heart has always stayed.'"

"With dedicated volunteers like our stewards in Maine," Julie says, "I know our land is in good hands."

— by Deborah Brinkman, journalist



KATHY DREW

Maine's Bald Eagles Flourish on Conservancy Lands

While bald eagles are having an "average" year statewide, they are doing quite well on Conservancy preserves this year. Fifteen of the chapter's 17 bald eagle nest sites were active; of these, 12 nests have produced 18 young, for an average of 1.5 young per successful pair! At least five of these eagle pairs had to build new nests this year, having lost their previous nests to winter storms.

Eagles typically have more than one nest site within their territory. We are happy to welcome back eagles to Bradbury Island and Coggins Head; these eagles have for the past several years nested at alternate sites not owned by the Conservancy. The chapter's goal is to protect the full territory of each eagle pair nesting on one of our preserves.



Above: Placentia Island Preserve, Frenchman's Bay, one of 17 bald eagle nesting sites under Conservancy management.

Left: Bald eagle chicks.

Maine Chapter Welcomes Summer Staff

The Maine Chapter is pleased to report that the following people have joined our staff for the summer:

Our 1992 **Damariscove Island Caretaker/Naturalists** are **Scott Ringgold** and **Holly Christoferson**. Scott and Holly recently graduated from Williams College with degrees in Environmental Studies. Each brings a broad variety of experience to Damariscove Island,

including scientific research and teaching. They especially enjoy teaching others about the island's special features.

You may have noticed **Barbara Charry** pictured in earlier newsletters. Having regularly volunteered for the Maine Chapter this past winter, Barbara is now officially on the staff as **Plover/Tern Warden** at Morse Mountain/Seawall Beach. Barbara was well prepared for

the position, having coordinated Maine Audubon's plover/tern protection project last spring. She has also worked with other Audubon societies, the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Vermont State Parks.

Jeff Wells is the chapter's **Stewardship Field Representative** at the **Kennebunk Plains**. Jeff has been monitoring nesting birds on the plains for the Conservancy for eight years. This year he has a new title and expanded responsibilities for site management activities, including visitor contact, sign posting and maintenance.

We are especially glad to welcome back **Sara Stockwell** and **Ron Tucker**, who have made our jobs much easier by returning for another year. Sara continues to oversee activities at **Douglas Mountain Preserve** while Ron keeps facilities at **Great Wass Island Preserve** in top-notch condition.



Damariscove Island.

Capital Campaign Enters Backstretch: Less Than \$900,000 To Go

The Maine Legacy Capital Campaign has passed the \$2.7 million mark, approximately three-quarters of the way toward its \$3.5 million goal. The campaign still must raise more than \$750,000, or about \$62,000 per month, to reach its goal by June 30, 1993.

Almost \$200,000 has been added to the campaign as a result of recent decisions by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Land for Maine's Future Board. In May, the USFWS was able to pay the chapter most of its remaining unreimbursed costs of acquiring Sunkhaze Meadows, a 9,337-acre peatland that was subsequently transferred to the USFWS. The chapter's efforts on this project helped make it possible for Sunkhaze Meadows, just northeast of Bangor, to become Maine's newest National Wildlife Refuge. (See August, 1988 *Maine Legacy*.)

As related in this issue's cover story, the LMFB recently decided to acquire Mark Island (on which the Conservancy had obtained an option) to permanently protect its outstanding habitat for colonial nesting birds. Because the LMFB decision both achieved a



Great Duck Island Light.

Through the Maine Legacy capital campaign, the Maine Chapter is working to obtain a management lease from the U.S. Coast Guard on a six-acre inholding on Great Duck that includes the historic lighthouse and several other buildings.

key Maine Legacy campaign goal and relieved the chapter of a \$90,000 purchase obligation, \$90,000 was credited to the campaign.

These welcome government decisions are the last ones expected to augment the Maine Legacy campaign. From here on, the chapter will be relying exclusively on the private sector.

The campaign also received almost \$70,000 in proceeds from the sale of two trade land gifts.

Fund-raising efforts over the remainder of 1992 are expected to focus on grant proposals to foundations and corporations, several of which are already outstanding, and solicitations of individuals believed to have the ability — and earnestly hoped to have the inclination — to make gifts of \$1,000 or more to the Maine Legacy campaign. Many of these requests have already been made. Campaign director Morfit suggested that if anyone feels he or she should have received such a request, but has not, sincere apologies may be obtained (and corrective measures taken) by calling Mason or Bill McCue, collect, at (207) 729-5181.



Bill Townsend (center) talks with Executive Director Kent Wommack and Trustee Carol Wishcamper during the reception honoring him with the Sol Feinstein Environmental Award last fall.

Down East Magazine Environmental Award to Bill Townsend

Down East Magazine honored Clinton B. ("Bill") Townsend of Canaan with its 1992 Down East Environmental Award this year, acknowledging his 30-plus years of unflagging work for environmental protection in Maine. A former Maine Chapter board chairman, Mr. Townsend has also served on numerous other environmental organization boards, and has provided critical leadership on such projects as the creation of the Allagash Wilderness Waterway and

the restoration of Atlantic salmon to New England rivers.

In 1967, Bill Townsend donated Indian and Fowl Meadow Islands Preserve on the Kennebec River to The Nature Conservancy. He has few peers as a dedicated environmentalist, and is widely known and respected for his tireless efforts. As *Down East* magazine stated in the article announcing his award, "Bill Townsend [is] Maine's conservation hero—not just of this year or even of this decade, but of his generation."

Panamanian Perambulations

For ten days in late February and early March, 13 intrepid Maine Chapter trustees, members, and staff undertook a fact-finding expedition to Panama, one of three Latin American countries where the Maine Chapter is providing financial support to private conservation organizations through its \$3.5 million Maine Legacy campaign.

Crisscrossing this narrow continental crossroads by small plane, jeep, dugout canoe, and muddy boots, the Maine Chapter delegation observed firsthand several of the conservation projects being undertaken by its partner organization, ANCON. We returned impressed both by the number, scale, and severity of the threats to Panama's incredible natural diversity (e.g., over 900 bird species, more than in the U. S. and Canada combined; 12,000 species of plants and trees, of which ten percent are endemic; over 60 percent of its tropical forest habitat already lost, with 100,000 acres of virgin forest being cut each year) and by the very impressive work being done by ANCON to reduce these threats.

Among the ANCON projects visited was one of two receiving direct assistance from the Maine Chapter, Isla Bastimentos Marine Park. Encompassing 35,000 acres of forested islands, mangroves and coral reefs off the northwest (Caribbean) coast, Panama's only



marine park was designed and designated with the assistance of ANCON, which is now also providing most of the on-the-ground-and-water management.

Following our departure, ANCON announced two major new achievements. Largely through ANCON's intervention, Isla da Coiba, a large island off the Pacific coast used as a "Devil's Island" penal colony during the Noriega regime, was added to Panama's national park system. Shortly thereafter, ANCON joined The Nature Conservancy and the U. S. and Panamanian governments in effecting Panama's first "debt-for-nature" swap. Under this agreement, the U. S. Agency for International Development will match \$2 million to be raised by ANCON and the Conservancy with \$8 million in government funds; this combined \$10 million will be used to purchase at least

The Maine Chapter Expeditionary Force, with Panamanian and indigenous Kuna guides, gathers at the Continental Divide. To the north, the native tropical forests have been largely protected by the Kuna people, with assistance from ANCON and The Nature Conservancy; to the south, smoke from fires used to clear the land for cattle ranching reminds one of the atmosphere in the Los Angeles Basin.

\$30 million in Panamanian debt; in turn, this \$30 million will be translated into bonds generating \$2.5 million per year for the protection of Panama's national parks.

The leverage on our investment in ANCON has proved to be extraordinary ... almost as extraordinary as the "energy leverage" achieved by some bird species while en route from Latin America and the Caribbean back to Maine in the spring: according to one recent calculation, if a car could be designed that was as energy-efficient as a migrating warbler, it would get about 720,000 miles to the gallon.

Juan Carlos Navarro, executive director of the Conservancy's Panamanian partner organization, ANCON, presents a photograph of Isla Bastimentos Marine Park to Maine Chapter Trustee Carol Wishcamper and staff member Mason Morfit. Moments before, the Maine Chapter Expeditionary Force had presented ANCON with a check for \$100,000 in support of their Isla Bastimentos and Amistad National Park conservation projects.





Piping plover chick.

Volunteer Plover/Tern Wardens Needed

Do you enjoy working with people and have 4 or more summer weekend days to contribute to the protection of endangered piping plovers and least terns at Seawall Beach in Phippsburg? We are looking for volunteers to monitor these nesting birds and educate the public about their needs. If you are interested, please contact Barbara Charry for a written job description at the chapter office, (207) 729-5181.

Thank you to the following volunteers for their help during the May 16 Seawall Beach work day:

Bob Proctor	Sue Blood
Gene Proctor	Elaine Lorenz
Ron Proctor	Jim Osborne
Rod Cart	Iver McLeod
Joan Cart	

In four hours they staked and twined the beach front and both the Morse River and Sprague River ends, put up one piping plover enclosure, and counted six active nests so far.

Prescribed Burn Volunteer Training Session

The Maine Chapter is looking to recruit a Prescribed Burn Volunteer Crew to assist chapter staff in implementing fire management plans for the Kennebunk Plains. The volunteer crew will actively take part in the site prepa-

ration, implementation, and post-burn "mop-up" of controlled fires on Conservancy managed lands. Volunteers must be physically fit (able to run 1.5 miles in under 14 minutes), available several weekend days per year during April and October, and willing to attend the upcoming training session in September.

The fall training session will tentatively take place on Saturday, September 19, 1992 in Kennebunk. It is planned to begin at 8:00 a.m. and last until late afternoon. Topics to be covered include fire equipment use and safety, burn crew responsibilities, conducting the prescribed burn, and fire suppression. There will be several hand-outs covering additional topics. Also, time and weather permitting, we hope



During a prescribed burn at the Kennebunk Plains Preserve last fall.

Wish List

The Chapter offices are looking for a donation of the following items. If you have any items you wish to donate, please call Suzanne Drew at (207) 729-5181.

- IBM and IBM-compatible computers
- folding chairs
- wooden or metal desks
- desk chairs
- carpets: runners, remnants and throw rugs
- desk lamps
- workspace tables
- weed whacker for Damariscove Island
- medium size refrigerator for our new office

Thank You ...

... to Bill and Judy Adam for their donation of four life preservers for Damariscove Island and a personal computer for the chapter office.

Douglas Mountain Workday

Thank you to all volunteers, including Norman Durrell, Owen Staples, and Karen Kennedy who worked to clean up Douglas Mountain on May 16. Volunteers removed

several trees that had blown down across trails and picked up trash. We are grateful for their help in maintaining this very popular preserve.



KYLE STOCKWELL

New Trustee Nominations, Fiscal 1992-93:

The following slate of officers has been nominated for one-year appointments to the Board of Trustees of The Nature Conservancy's Maine Chapter:

Chairperson: Charles Micoleau
Vice Chairperson: Dr. Ray B. Owen
Vice Chairperson: Jean M. Deighan
Vice Chairperson: Donald F. Mairs
Secretary: Weston Bonney
Treasurer: John Lincoln

The following Trustees will stand for re-election for three-year appointments:

Donald F. Mairs
Charles Micoleau
Dr. Ray B. Owen
Robert Piampiano

Carol A. Wishcamper will stand for re-election for a one-year appointment to the Board of Trustees.

The following individual has been nominated and will stand for election for a three-year appointment as a Trustee of The Nature Conservancy's Maine Chapter:

Ann Elizabeth Bass (Hampden).
Coastal and Water Resources Planner,

Penobscot Valley Council of Governments. Previously worked with Greater Portland Council of Governments' Coastal Zone Management Planning Department; conducted environmental studies courses and research programs in marine pollution at Bowdoin College; and served on committees of the Gulf of Maine Aquarium and the Natural Resources Council of Maine. Degrees: Middlebury College (B.A.), State University of New York at Stony Brook (M.S.), and University of Southern Maine (M.A. - Public Policy).

Trustee elections will take place at the Maine Chapter's Annual Meeting on August 1, 1992 at the Maine Maritime Museum in Bath, Maine.

We are Grateful for...

Gifts in memory of the following individuals have been received by the Maine Chapter:

Keith C. Coombs
J.B. Coullard
Raymond S. Day
William Drury
Orville J. Edes
Axel Forshund
Homer & Eva Grafton
Robert H. Grafton
Frederick W. King, II
Winifred June Lundholm
Mr. & Mrs. A.R. MacMahon
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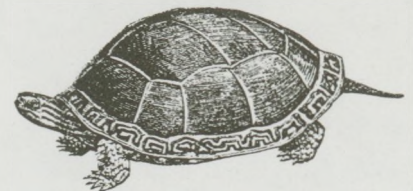
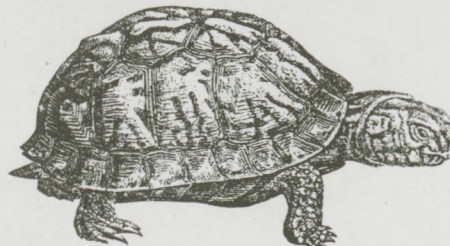
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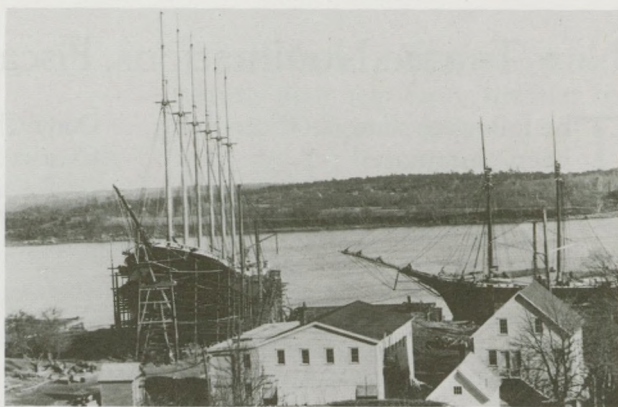
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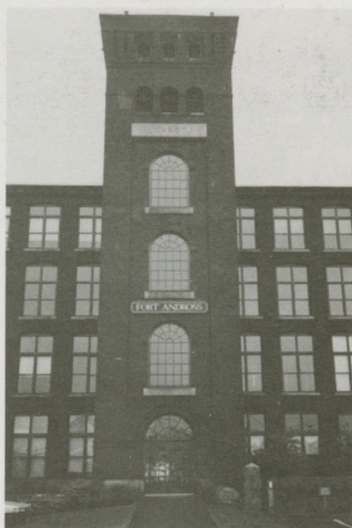
Annual Meeting Reminder - Please join us

The Maine Chapter will hold its 1992 Annual Meeting Field Trips and Annual Meeting on Saturday, August 1 on the grounds of the Maine Maritime Museum. Enjoy the beauty of the Merrymeeting Bay region on any of nine field trips during the day. Then join us at the museum on the shores of the Kennebec River for our Annual Meeting, a delicious dinner, and inspiring words about the Conservancy, conservation, and the region's waters and wildlife. We have a hundred Nature Conservancy members signed on so far, and we're hoping you'll join us, too. Please refer to your Spring newsletter, or contact Kathy Sylvester at the Conservancy office (207-729-5181) for registration information.



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Our most sincere thanks to Peter Wellin and Waterfront Maine, owners of Fort Andross, for their commitment to conservation and the Conservancy and for making the move to our new office space possible.

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