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RECYCLING DAY

The "Recycling Day" that took place in the Harlow Building on December 30 turned out to be a great success. In one of his less optimistic moments, Commissioner Anderson set the goal at 2,500 pounds of paper to be recycled. Administrative Services alone nearly tripled that amount with waste from the fourth floor storage area. The total for the Department was well over 11,000 pounds. Apparently this idea was long overdue and is something that should be done each year.

LURC HEARINGS

The Land Use Regulation Commission is preparing for two public hearings coming up in February. A hearing on regulations which have been proposed by the Natural Resources Council of Maine to clarify the hydroelectric power permitting portions of the Rivers law will be held February 8 & 9 in Augusta. A second hearing on proposals for special protection zoning for several rivers and major tributaries in northern Maine will be held on February 15 in Ashland.

NATURAL RESOURCE MINI-GRANTS

Sixty-two teachers applied to the Department of Education and Cultural Services for mini-grants this fall to conduct agricultural or natural resource educational projects. The mini-grants were made available by the Legislature during the past session to encourage teaching about Maine's resources. Fourteen applications were selected for funding including a project entitled "Critical Areas in Maine" at Katahdin High School in Sherman Station. Maine Forest Service Forester Bruce Wilkins will participate in the project which involves simulation games. Sheila McDonald and Marshall Wiebe helped screen the projects.

MSECCA

The 1984 Maine State Employees Combined Charitable Appeal (MSECCA) ended with a 12 percent increase over 1983, according to the campaign co-chairmen. The final figure of \$57,000 was \$6,000 more than last year's total. The top three contributors were DOT, Finance & Administration and Human Services (all over \$6,000). Conservation, Education, AMHI and Labor all donated more than \$3,000. United Way President Greg Scott said that all who have participated have reason to take pride in their achievement.

EASTERN EGG ROCK

The Department of Conservation's Bureau of Public Lands received acknowledgement and thanks in the last edition of the Egg Rock Update Newsletter for the lease of Eastern Egg Rock to the National Audubon Society. Eastern Egg Rock is a Puffin nesting site.

DIRECTORY CORRECTION

On page 6 of the DOC Directory, Hazel Hill's telephone number is incorrectly listed as 827-4079. The number should be 827-2079.

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LEGISLATURE
INFORMATION

- The 111th Legislature has returned for their 2nd regular session. Annee Tara and Ken Spalding will be coordinating a unified DOC approach to all legislation. Legislation will be considered only if it 1) was held over from the 1st regular session or was part of a committee's study, such as the Sunset study of the DOC, 2) has been approved by the Legislative Council - the top 10 legislative leaders, or 3) is part of the Governor's package. All bureaus have received a summary of those bills which have been approved for introduction by the Legislative Council and will receive copies of all legislation as it is printed. If you have any questions or concerns about legislation, you should contact the person keeping track of legislation in your bureau. They are: Forestry - Jan Selser, 289-2211; Public Lands - John Forssen, 289-3061; LURC - Jym St. Pierre, 289-2631; Parks and Recreation - Herb Hartman, 289-3821; Geology - Walter Anderson, 289-2801. If you plan to appear in your official capacity to make any statements about legislation you must coordinate this with your bureau contact person or bureau director. As always, you may exercise your constitutional right to address the Legislature in your capacity as a private citizen. If you do so during your regular work hours, you must take annual leave or comp.time. Stay tuned to the next issue of DOC NEWS for a listing of DOC legislation which will be part of the Governor's Package.

SUPERVISORY
TRAINING

- Governor Joseph E. Brennan will open the Annual DOC Supervisory Training Session scheduled for January 18 & 19 at the Augusta Civic Center. DOC supervisory employees from throughout the State will gather in Augusta for the two-day program which is being organized by the DOC Personnel Division of Administrative Services. Supervisors will learn about subjects of interest to DOC employees and will provide the information to them following the session. Subjects to be covered include: Sunset Review, Affirmative Action, Interviewing Techniques, Human Rights, Workers' Comp, Safety, Credit Union, Deferred Comp, Direct Hire, Retirement, and Blue Cross.

JOB
SURVEY

- The State Department of Personnel is conducting an audit of the State Classification and Compensation System in all State agencies. The purpose of this audit is only to assure that the class specifications are accurate and based on up-to-date information. Starting this week, about 10% of employees in every job classification in the DOC will be asked to complete a questionnaire and return it to his/her supervisor within five days. Your supervisor will review the questionnaire, make any comments he/she feels are appropriate, and return it to DOC's Personnel Office. Later, an auditor will make an appointment to discuss the questionnaire. Questions about the survey should be addressed to the DOC Personnel Office.

FEES FOR
OUTDOOR
RECREATION

- Ellen Baum, Tom Cieslinski and Herb Hartman will be attending a conference on "Fees for Outdoor Recreation on Public Lands Open to the Public" in Durham, New Hampshire on January 12 and 13. Herb has written a paper on fee setting which he will deliver during the meeting.