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CONSERVATION
EDUCATION
INTERNSHIP

- The Maine Conservation School, located in Western Maine in the foothills of the White Mountains on the shore of Lake Christopher, has announced an internship program for their upcoming spring and summer sessions. The Internship program provides for the instruction of junior and senior high school students in conservation education during the week-long residential programs. Benefits of the program include a unique and challenging opportunity to develop and/or strengthen teaching and leadership skills in an outdoor-oriented conservation education program, the possibility of college or university academic credits, and free room and board in a beautiful natural setting. Anyone interested in obtaining more information on the Internship should contact David Andrews at the Maine Conservation School, P.O. Box 197, Dover-Foxcroft, ME 04426.

BUDWORM
PERSONNEL

- The Spruce Budworm Spray Program is looking for a few good men and women for the upcoming spray project. Current plans are to spray between 800,000 and 850,000 acres. Airports being considered include Presque Isle, Millinocket, Princeton, Greenville and Estcourt (Big Twenty Township). Personnel are needed to staff the airports and/or act as aerial monitors. If you are interested and would like more details on the types of positions available, contact Tom Morrison at 289-2791 or drop him a note here in Augusta.

EARTHQUAKES

- Several earthquakes have rocked parts of Maine and New Brunswick in the last week. The main shock occurred on January 14 and had a magnitude of 3.6. A smaller one on the 14th had a magnitude of 2.8. A third tremor was felt at about 12:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 19. The Maine Geological Survey has initiated its intensity survey to assess the effects of the earthquakes on man-made structures and human activity. Anyone who felt the earthquakes or was in the vicinity of the earthquakes is invited to fill out a postage-free survey card which can be obtained from the Maine Geological Survey in Augusta.

WOOD CUTTING
AGREEMENT

-The Bureau of Public Lands has entered into an agreement with the Houlton Band of the Maliseet Indians which will allow bonafide members of the Maliseet Tribe to cut brown ash for \$5 a cord on public lands for basket-making. The Bureau's Presque Isle office has a similar agreement with the Micmac Indians.

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PESTICIDE
SPRAY DRIFT
& CHEMICAL
TRESPASS

- The Maine Board of Pesticides Control is sponsoring a first-in-the-nation conference on pesticide spray drift and chemical trespass. This scientific and legal symposium will evaluate the environmental and human health impacts of off-target residues, examine state-of-the-art technology that tends to minimize drift, and explore the legal aspects of chemical trespass legislation. Professionals from universities, regulatory agencies, private industry, and environmental groups will voice their concerns and analyses of these increasingly important issues. Steve Oliveri, MFS, will be speaking on Drift and Its Environmental Impact: The Challenge of Establishing Tolerable Thresholds of Various Pesticide Residues. The conference is being held February 9th and 10th at the Sonesta Hotel in Portland. For registration information, contact the Maine Board of Pesticides Control at 289-2731.

SUNSET
REVIEW

- The Audit and Program Review Committee of the Legislature issued its "Sunset" report on the Department of Conservation on Monday, January 23. All bureau directors have received a copy of the report. The Committee will hold public hearings on their administrative recommendations early in February and will hold regular legislative public hearings on their proposed statutory changes shortly thereafter.

LEGISLATIVE-
UPDATE

A number of the Department's legislative proposals have been printed in legislative document (L.D.) form. They are:

- L.D. 1868, An Act to Ensure Public Safety on Public Reserved and Other Public Lands.
- L.D. 1880, An Act to Enable Communities to Establish Town Forest Reserve Accounts.
- L.D. 1890, An Act to Establish the Cost of the 1984 Spruce Budworm Suppression Project.
- L.D. 1892, An Act to Set Conditions for Timber Harvesting in Certain State Parks.
- L.D. 1943, An Act to Eliminate the Requirement for a Separate Application for Lands Within the Settlement Corridor to be Entered into the Spruce-Fir Forest Protection District.

The first public hearing on a DOC bill was held on L.D. 1880 on Tuesday, January 24. Jack Dirkman testified on behalf of the administration.

LECTURE
& FILM
SERIES

- Dr. Richard Condon, Director of the Peary-MacMillan Arctic Museum (who also did the slide show at the DOC Supervisory Seminar) has put together a Lecture and Film Series which will bring various scholars and films to the campus of Bowdoin College. The public is cordially invited. A schedule is posted on the 3rd floor bulletin board.