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HYDRO POWER WORKSHOP

- A Joint Workshop sponsored by the Department of Environmental Protection and the Land Use Regulation Commission will be held on August 29 at the Arnold-Howard Rooms of the Augusta Civic Center. It will begin at 8:30 a.m. We are inviting members of development and conservation interest groups to serve as panelists for this workshop.

PARKS SPECIALS

- No one was surprised when the Bureau of Parks split its team into two teams in order to allow more people to compete at the 4th Annual State of Maine Lifesaving Championships which were held at Old Orchard Beach on August 9th. There was some surprise when POPHAM BEACH STATE PARK decided to enter as a separate team, making the Bureau into three teams -- State Parks North, State Parks South and Popham. Perhaps the biggest surprise was the fact that the team of five from Popham came in first, taking the Championship Cup. Popham's team members are: Andrew McKendry, Dave Timothy, Scott Nelson, Doug Pride and Spike Freeman. State Parks South finished second, with Parks North finishing fourth out of seven teams. Some highlights of the competition:

2 mile run: Leo Lachance, State Parks South, 1st; Andrew McKendry, Popham, 3rd; Dave Timothy, State Parks South, 4th.

Run-Swim-Run: Scott Nelson, Popham, 1st; Scott Gordon, State Parks South, 2nd;

Iron Guard: Phil Baker, State Parks South, 2nd; Becky Ayers, State Parks South, 4th (first woman ever to compete and place in the Iron Guard event).

Women's Run-Swim-Run: Wendy Peddie, State Parks North, 1st; Debbie Rouillard, State Parks North, 2nd.

Paddleboard: Scott Nelson, Popham, 1st.

Run-Swim-Rescue Relay: Popham 1st; State Parks South 3rd.

VISITORS

- Two Lifeguards from the Nova Scotia Lifeguard Service visited with State Park Lifeguards in conjunction with the State of Maine Lifesaving Championships. Dennis Forgeron and Robert MacNamera got a tour of Crescent Beach State Park and other areas as a part of the first leg of this International exchange. The Maine State Lifesaving Association, developers of the event, hope to send two Maine Lifeguards to Nova Scotia on

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August 27 to compete in their competition and visit their beaches. Interested State Park Lifeguards should contact Tim Hall at Peacock Beach State Park; 582-2813.

AWARD
RECIPIENTS

- Fort Knox State Park Ranger Dennis Harvey received a Supervisor of the Year Award for the S.Y.E.T.P. program in Waldo County. Dennis has supervised 7 youth workers this summer and completed several projects. The Participant of the Year Award went to Roy Hatch who worked for Dennis this summer.

GOOD
LUCK

- Bruce Wilkins, Forest Ranger in the Northern Region, and previously Forest Technician has resigned. He and his wife are moving to South Carolina to enter Columbia Bible College. Bruce will be pursuing a Master's degree in Missions. After finishing school, their plans are to become missionaries in southern Africa. He is hoping to put his forestry degree to use and to explore opportunities to work as a Forester through one of the local governments.

MARRIED

- Congratulations to Doug Cotnoir and Sheila Smith who were married on July 21st at St. Mary's. They honeymooned in Orlando, Florida.

BRIEFLY

- The Softball team meets Fish & Wildlife on August 23rd and MSHA on August 28th.

On August 14 Commissioner Anderson joined with Senior Vice President Robert Kennel and Bangor Hydro President Thomas Greenquist in announcing plans of Ultrapower, Inc. to file permit applications to construct a 10 MW generating plant in West Enfield and an agreement to sell power with Bangor Hydro-Electric. This announcement is particularly important because the plant will produce power by burning wood chips and wood waste, providing a market for forest thinnings, thus encouraging sound forest management. This \$40 million project will provide 75 - 100 jobs in the West Enfield area.

FORESTRY

NOTES

- Gary Morse reports in the latest edition of Logger's News that anyone interested in the new Wood Measurement Law should contact Clayton Davis, Director, Division of Regulations, Maine Department of Agriculture, State House Station #28 for a copy of the law and to be placed on the mailing list for copies of regulations and notices of public hearings.

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CEREMONY

- On Friday, August 17th, the Maine Conservation Corps held a ceremony to recognize Corpsmembers, Project Team Leaders, Technical Supervisors, Job Counselors, and to mark the official conclusion of the 1984 summer projects. Commissioner Anderson and Senate President Gerard Conley spoke to the audience of 100 participants.

GEOLOGY

- Melanie Lanctot, Research Associate with the Maine Geological Survey, left on August 11 for Stockholm, Sweden via Norway for a combined vacation and conference. The conference will be held August 20 - 25 in Stockholm on Indoor Air Quality, a featured topic being lung cancer risk from radon in dwellings.