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- LOG DRIVER'S COOKOUT - Commissioner Anderson, Herb & Darrell Hartman, Frank Farren, Scott Ramsay, Mick Rogers and Dick Dyer attended the 14th Annual Log Driver's Cookout in Island Falls over the weekend. Bill Green and Ron Hatfield from Channels 2 and 6 also attended. The cookout, sponsored by the Big Valley Snowmobile Club of Island Falls, consisted of bean-hole beans, convection oven biscuits, donuts cooked over an open fire, and coffee made in the largest known coffee pot in the world. Approximately 800 snowmobilers showed up for the cookout from as far away as Japan (Yamaha representative) and Florida. Dick Dyer's videotape footage appeared on the Channel 5 news on Saturday night. Footage by Bill Green and Ron Hatfield appeared on Sunday and Monday on Channels 2 and 6. The Island Falls Trail System is maintained by the Bureau of Parks and Recreation Snowmobile Division.
- VIMS - Please remember to complete and send in Vehicle Operations Reports each month. The Division of Administrative Services is experiencing a higher delinquency rate on these reports which is delaying data entry and report activities. Also, please write or print legibly when completing the report. The data entry people are having difficulties reading some of the reports. Thanks for your cooperation.
- FEATURE ARTICLES - The latest issue (Winter 1984-85) of the Maine Fish and Wildlife magazine contains two feature articles written by DOC employees; "Harvesting for an Abundant Future" by John Forssen, Public Lands, and "You Can Snowmobile to There from Here (At Last!)" by Frank Farren, Parks' Snowmobile Division.
- SOON-TO-BE COMPUTER EXPERTS - What's This!? Doug Tyler and Dick Coffin were observed using the BPR work station on February 28. (Maybe they thought it was Leap Day and no one would notice). Fellow workers tried to get a picture but they covered their faces! Anyway, welcome to the world of computers Doug and Dick!
- RETIREMENT PARTY - Harold Kneeland, a 34-year veteran with the Maine State Forest Nursery, has recently retired. In honor of his retirement, a buffet dinner will be held at Mr. Mikes in Lincoln on March 27 at 7:00 p.m. Anyone wishing to attend or contribute money for the money tree, please contact Wanda Howe at the Nursery.
- VACATIONS - Jym St. Pierre and Ken Spalding spent five days at Baxter State Park cross-country skiing with friends... Dick Coffin left for the Bahamas on March 1st for one week... Jean Kinney is vacationing on Sanibel Island, Florida for one week...

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SPEAKERS - Tom Morrison spoke on "Policies and Legislation Governing Use of Lands Below the Low Water Mark" to the Maine Marine Industries Association on Saturday, March 2...Woody Thompson gave a presentation on the surficial geology of Maine at last week's meeting of the Maine Association of Professional Soil Scientists...Several DOC employees will participate in the Society of American Forester's Conference - Is Good Forestry Good Wildlife Management? Rob Gardiner and Kim Kolman will both speak during a General Session on March 6 on that subject; Gary Donovan will act as Moderator during the first Technical Session on Thursday, March 7; Steve Oliveri will speak during a Technical Session on Forest Harvest Strategies. Steve will talk about the Implications of Intensive Forest Management Practices on Wildlife in Maine; and Henry Trial will speak on the Effects of Insecticides on Forest Structure during a Technical Session on Weed and Pest Management on Friday, March 8.

F&W GAME - Two former DOC employees were recently hired as Game Wardens for the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Department. Daniel Murray, who worked for 3 years for DOC as a park ranger at Peacock Beach, and Marilyn Kenyon, who worked for DOC in a number of positions including forest technician, park ranger at Lily Bay State Park and the Allagash Wilderness Waterway, will both begin their duties after graduation from the Maine Warden School at the Criminal Justice Academy.

PERSONNEL - Pat Webber, who has worked for the Department for the last 6 years, will be transferring to the State Planning Office. Today is Pat's last day with DOC and we wish her the best of luck with her new position...Fred DiBello has been hired by LURC as an Environmental Services Specialist II. Fred will be working with Steve Spencer in the Enforcement Division. Welcome to DOC, Fred...Al Wagner has returned to work after recovering from a gall bladder operation. Welcome back Al! Maureen Doyon has also returned to work after 3 months of maternity leave. Welcome back Maureen.

LEGISLATIVE - Legislation proposed by the Department is beginning to work its way through the legislative process. The first 5 Department bills acted on by Legislative Committees have all had unanimous ought-to-pass reports from the Committees. The bills include the transfer of boat facilities to municipalities (LD 45); the creation of a fund, financed from contributions, which will go to local groups for river management activities (LD 125); transfer of responsibility for road construction permits in the unorganized territory from DEP to LURC (LD 200); the designation of Pertica quadrifaria as the State fossil (LD 256); and provision for assessment of budworm even if there is not a spray project in a given year (LD 337).

REMINDER - Chuck Hulsey will be showing the 1930 logging film "From Stump to Ship" at a noon-time brown bag lunch seminar on Monday, March 11 in the DEP Board Room. The film contains vintage footage depicting logging, river driving, sawmilling, and shipping in Washington County.