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NEW
DEPUTY
COMMISSIONER

- Mark Sullivan, former Executive Secretary of the Maine Land and Water Resources Council and author of the 1983 Maine Rivers Act, began his duties as Deputy Commissioner on Monday, July 15. Mark replaces Annee Tara. In his prior post with the Land and Water Resources Council, he was responsible for overseeing the implementation of the Maine Rivers Policy, developing Maine Groundwater Policy and coordinating State participation in federal hydropower proceedings. Before the State Planning Office, Sullivan held a variety of positions as environmental consultant and author for state, federal and private natural resource agencies. He also served as editor of Maine Environment, the Natural Resources Council's Newsletter with a circulation of 4,000. Welcome to DOC Mark!

ANNUAL
SOFTBALL
PICNIC

- The DOC Softball team is hosting its' annual outing and picnic at Bang's Beach in Sidney. All DOC employees and their families are invited. There's a nice beach on Messalonskee Lake, and there will be softball, volleyball, frisbee, and eating for everyone. The outing will be held on August 17. The cost will be \$3.00 per adult. Kids are free. This year, lobsters won't be provided so you should plan to bring your own hotdogs, hamburgers or whatever, to cook on the grills that are there. To sign up or get more information, call Steve Oliveri at 289-2791.

FORESTER'S
PAINTINGS
DISPLAYED

- The Art Gallery at Cary Medical Center has become one of the most prominent locations for art in Aroostook County, with nearly 100 area artists having featured their work there. Chester Gage, Forester with the MFS, is one of those artists. Chester began painting in oils shortly after finishing high school and has been exhibiting his work there this year. His favorite subjects are scenes of northern Maine, deer, lakes, streams and moose. He gathers most of his subjects in the area west of Ashland and Baxter State Park and says he uses many photographs to serve as reference points for his work. Chester's picture with some of his work were in a recent edition of the Bangor Daily News.

VEHICLE
BORROWED

- DOC employees who work in the Harlow Building are reminded that they should lock the doors on their vehicles and not leave valuables in them. Last week, Marie Drew went out to get in her car and found it parked in a different location from where she had parked it that morning. It had half-a-tank less of gas than it did when she parked it that morning. Fortunately, it was just borrowed for the day and returned.

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BOATING - The Boating Facility Development Division, BPR, reports a very busy summer, with boat ramp developments completed at Sebago Lake in Standish, redevelopments at Brownfield on the Saco River and at Bridgton on Long Lake, and facilities under construction at Passadumkeag on the Penobscot River, in Van Buren on the St. John River, on Upper Richardson Lake, and at Monmouth on Annabassacook Lake. This is just a sampling of many projects as reported by Supervisor Ronnie Yates.

MGS TEAM - The team of Andy Tolman, Melanie Lanctot, Bob Tucker
TAKES 4TH and Bob Johnston finished fourth in their division
PLACE in the Great Pine Tree Triathlon held on July 14.

PARKS - Herb Hartman spent 2 days on the Upper West Branch of
NWES the Penobscot inspecting campsites on the river...Tom Skolfield reports that new nature trails are being developed at Vaughan Woods in South Berwick...An archaeological dig is taking place at Fort Edgecomb under the supervision of Bob Bradley and Norm Buttrick. Sheila MacDonald has also been involved...Allagash rangers went through a med-evac training session... Due to the good work of Pete Carpenter and Dana Ward, several individuals were apprehended by the State Police for theft of personal property from vehicles at the Camden Hills day-use area...Mike Gallagher spent 4 days in Washington County inspecting 20 Community Recreation sites developed with Federal Land and Water Conservation Funds and visiting four proposed sites.

BUDWORM - A peak in the number of spruce budworm moths in eastern
PEAK Maine was expected last week where budworm populations are the highest in the state, according to Henry Trial, MFS Entomologist. Trial says many spruce and fir trees in eastern Maine are currently showing the effects of budworm feeding. The damaged trees will appear brown he says until wind and rain remove needles killed by the budworm.

PERSONNEL - Dick Dyer, who has worked for the I&E Division for the past 4 years, is now working for the Land Use Regulation Commission in an acting capacity. Dick will now be working with Steve Spencer in the Enforcement Division. We are sorry to see Dick go and wish him well.

RANGER - Alan Johnston, Forest Ranger in Daaquam, was featured in
FEATURED a Morning Sentinel article on the crews that were sent to California to fight fires. Alan was one of 20 Maine Forest Service rangers who were sent out to help fight fires. All the crews were back home last week.

GEOLOGY - Woody Thompson will lead the annual Geological Society
FIELD of Maine field trip on Saturday, July 27. The trip will
TRIP focus on the glacial features of Oxford County.