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ORGANIZATION CHART

COMMISSIONER
- Administration
- Making regulations

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
- Assists commissioner

ADVISORY COUNCIL [7 UNPAID MEMBERS]
- Approves fishing and small game regulations made by Commissioner
- Approves programs for emergency control of wild animals
- Approves emergency closures of fishing & hunting seasons
- Advises Commissioner regarding fishing regulations and administrative matters

WARDEN SERVICE
- Enforcing fish & game, boat, litter, snowmobile, and environmental laws statewide.
- Searching for lost persons.
- Assisting in stocking and inventorying fish & wildlife.
- Investigating hunting, boating, & snowmobile accidents as well as motor vehicle accidents involving deer and moose.
- Controlling beaver and crop damage by animals.
- Render first aid and non-emergency assistance to the public.
- Conduct programs in hunting and snowmobile safety.

GAME RESEARCH & MANAGEMENT DIV.
- Research, inventory, and surveys on big game, small game, furbears, and migratory birds.
- Wildlife habitat development.
- Recommends on wildlife management for regulations making.
- Pathological studies of game species.

FISHERY RESEARCH & MANAGEMENT DIV.
- Research, inventory, and surveys on sport fish and habitat.
- Development of sport fish habitat.
- Recommends on management for regulations making.
- Designing projects to insure perpetuation of sport fish species.

HATCHERY DIV. & GAME FARM
- Raising and stocking fish & pheasants.
- Maintenance of hatchery facilities.
- Maintenance of animal exhibit at game farm.
- Constructing nets and other equipment.

WATERCRAFT REGISTRATION AND SAFETY
- Registers boats.
- Operates safety program for boaters.

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The administrative control of the Department is effected through the Commissioner who is given the authority and duty of administering and making effective the provisions of the laws, rules, and regulations.

The Department has 11 divisions: Warden Service, Hatchery, Engineering, Game Research and Management, Fishery Research and Management, Information and Education, Administration, Realty, Planning and Coordination, Safety and Snowmobile Registration, and Watercraft Registration and Safety.

**ADVISORY COUNCIL**

The Advisory Council, authorized under Chapter 303, Section 1955, of the Revised Statutes of 1964, as amended, consists of seven members, one from each of the Executive Councilor districts. Members are appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Executive Council. Terms are for six years. The Council holds regular meetings in May and December of each year and such special meetings as may be deemed advisable. The chairman and vice-chairman are elected at the May meeting. The powers and duties of the Advisory Council are as follows:

1. To render to the Commissioner information and advice concerning the administration of the Department.
2. To advise the Commissioner in establishing changes in hunting, trapping, and fishing rules and regulations.

**COMMISSIONER**

The Commissioner, appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Executive Council for a term of three years, is the executive head of the Department, directing and supervising all its administrative and technical activities. His duties and responsibilities are as follows:

1. To exercise general supervision of the administration and enforcement of the fish and game laws.
2. To apply and carry out the provisions of the law creating the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game.
3. To appoint, from eligible registers, employees of the Department.
4. To make an annual report to the Governor of each calendar year.
5. To make changes in fishing rules and regulations and small game regulations with approval of Advisory Council.
6. In emergency, Commissioner, with consent of Advisory Council, may close state hunting or fishing seasons for up to 30 days.

**DEPUTY COMMISSIONER**

The Deputy Commissioner, appointed by the Commissioner, subject to the Personnel Law, has the responsibilities and duties of assisting the Commissioner in the performance of his duties, particularly in field work, including supervision of Warden Service and inspection of hatcheries and other Department-owned property.
The duties and responsibilities of wardens are to:
1. Patrol an assigned territory to prevent and detect violations of fish, game, snowmobile, and boat laws. They also assist in the enforcement of the litter laws, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, environmental laws, and regulations pertaining to hunting, fishing, and trapping on state parks.
2. Conduct investigations relating to violations.
3. Prosecute violations of the laws mentioned above.
4. Make detailed written reports of warden activities as required.
5. Assist in the stocking of fish and game.
6. Investigate all hunting accidents.
7. Investigate all boating accidents.
8. Investigate all motor vehicle accidents involving deer and moose.
9. Recommend control measures to prevent damage to crops by wildlife.
10. Control beaver through redistribution and dam control.
11. Render first aid and perform general rescue duty whenever required.
12. Assist in the prevention and suppression of forest fires.
13. Search for lost persons.
15. Check camps, especially during winter months, for signs of breaking, entering, larceny, and snow conditions on roofs.
16. Assist other enforcement agencies when requested and work with them in times of emergency as needed.
17. Assist biological divisions of the Department in gathering data and information.
18. Discuss and interpret fish and game laws with groups and clubs.
19. Assist with hunting safety programs.
20. Investigate snowmobile accidents.
This Division is responsible for producing the necessary numbers, sizes, and species of fish which are required for stocking the public waters of the state. The duties and responsibilities are as follows:

1. To obtain sufficient eggs to produce the required numbers of fish of each kind. (These eggs are produced by our own hatchery brood stock, obtained from wild fish that are trapped from some of our better lakes, or purchased.)
2. To hatch the eggs and care for the small fish until they reach the proper sizes for stocking.
3. To allocate the different kinds of fish by following a stocking policy based upon the life history of each kind of fish.
4. To distribute the fish to public waters either by trucks or airplane transportation units.
5. To keep records of fish production and stocking.
6. To maintain all of the hatcheries, rearing facilities, and buildings.
7. To build equipment, nets, and other devices for other divisions as well as for Hatchery Division use.

The primary responsibility of the Game Farm, operated by the Hatchery Division, is to produce the necessary numbers of pheasants for stocking. The duties and responsibilities are as follows:

1. To keep adequate numbers of pheasant brood stock to produce the necessary eggs for our pheasant program.
2. To hatch the eggs and care for the young birds until they are ready to be released.
3. To transport the birds to release sites.
4. To maintain an exhibit of wild animals and birds at the Game Farm for the public to enjoy.
5. To maintain all pens, buildings, and grounds at the Game Farm.
The function of this Division is to determine, in a scientific manner, the facts concerning wildlife populations and habitat in the state, for use in recommending to the Commissioner any changes in regulations which appear necessary and to make such habitat improvements as are economically feasible. Duties and responsibilities are as follows:

1. To develop and conduct annual inventories of game species.
2. To determine the status of wildlife habitat in the state.
3. To survey and map habitats of wildlife species.
4. To develop wildlife habitat on state-owned or leased areas.
5. To monitor the distribution of wildlife populations.
6. To conduct wildlife surveys of game species.
7. To study wildlife research problems as are essential to wildlife management and recommend plans of action.
8. To investigate and make recommendations in cooperation with other agencies concerning the effects of proposed developments on wildlife habitat.

The I & E Division consists of a Division chief, assistant chief, one information specialist, a motion picture librarian and film librarian, and three clerical staff members. Duties and responsibilities of the Division are as follows:

1. To promote conservation education throughout the state through adult education methods to teach the fundamentals of fish and game management and law enforcement.
2. To prepare weekly payrolls of the entire Department.
3. To maintain continuing property records of capital equipment, land, buildings, leases, and supplies.
4. To prepare and maintain internal financial reports for the entire Department.
5. To maintain computerized vital records for the entire Department.
6. To keep the Commissioner, Advisory Council, Deputy Commissioner, and Division Heads informed at all times as to the finances of the Department.
7. To perform clerical and stenographic work for divisions as required.

The Planning and Co-ordination Division is charged with guiding the development of the Department's long and short range goals, objectives, and programs. Co-ordination of the Department's long range species planning effort is one important program, which includes the assessment of future conditions and problems related to the habitat, species, and use, and will result in suggested Department programs to ensure that all species of wildlife and aquatic resources are protected to be used and enjoyed by the people of Maine.

Co-ordination within the Department and between state and federal agencies, as well as the private sectors, in matters relating to Departmental programs and the environment is also a major function.

The Realty Division's responsibility encompasses all real estate transactions for the Department. It is a service division and purchases lands, water rights, deeds, right-of-way, easements, or any other rights in land necessary for the functions of the various divisions within the Department. It is responsible for making appraisals, searching titles, and carrying out negotiations for any of the above mentioned lands or rights, as well as writing leases, etc., for Department-owned property which is surplus at present but in which the Department wishes to keep its vested interests.

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