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WARDEN SERVICE HISTORY

1800's

- Inland fish were considered worthless — could not be caught in commercial quantities.
- Money fish - salmon, shad, & alewives
- No law enforcement prior to 1830

1830

- Wardens appointed by the Governor - Moose Wardens
- 1st time Moose and deer had a closed season (open season was 9/1 to 12/31)
- No bag limit on Moose & deer
- 1st bounty - Bounty on crows 8¢

1850

- Department of Fish & Game was established

1867

- 2 Commissioners of Fisheries were appointed by the Governor (Charles Atkins of Orland, Nathan Foster of East Machias).
- Soon after their appointments the State began its first fish culture experiments.

1869

- 3 Fish Wardens were appointed for 3 counties (Thaddeus H. Spear of Gardiner, Francis Blackman of Bradley, and Caleb Gilman of Meddybemps).
- Wardens paid to enforce the fish laws.

1870

- Caribou season set 10/1 to 1/31 - first protection
- No bag limits
- No dogs could be used in hunting caribou
- Commissioner Atkins writes that most of his time is spent constructing and inspecting fishways & dams. The public is delighted to see the salmon ascending up stream in the large numbers.
- 3 deer per season

1871

- Commissioner Atkins chose Craig Brook in Orland as a site for salmon breeding operations. The old dam was rebuilt, fish trapped in the Penobscot River, transported by dory 9 miles to Orland. June 7, 1871 first day of transporting salmon, 12 were put in dories, 8 of them died in route. As the summer went on the mortality decreased. 72,000 eggs were obtained that year.
- Federal Fishery Commission in Washington D.C. funded hatcheries, the first hatchery was built in 1871 at Sebec Lake. Salmon were hatched there.

1873

- Caribou season shortened 10/1 to 12/31 — no bag limit
- Deer bag limit set — 3 deer per hunter per year.

1879

- Hatcheries were built at Rangeley and Moosehead.
- Governor Alonzo Garcelon

..... E. M. Stilwell and Henry O. Stanley Commissioners of Inland Fisheries and Game. Stanley served as Commissioner for 34 years and continuously tried to improve Warden Service with appeals for more money.

..... Legislation set statewide seasons on Salmon, Trout, & Toque.

..... 8 persons took 800 pounds of trout from Spencer Bay, Greenville to a market in Conn.

1880

..... The 2 fishery commissioners were made responsible for game laws as well as fish laws.

..... The State was facing depletion of both fish and game.

..... The beginning of what is known as the Inland Fisheries and Game Department was established.

..... 60 fisheries wardens were hired. Paid \$25.00 a year to enforce laws.

..... Empowered to enforce both fish and game.

1886

..... November 8, 1886 — Wardens Lyman Hill and Charles Niles were shot to death at Twp. 36, in Washington County, when they attempted to take a dog that had been used for driving deer, by the owner Calvin Graves of Hancock.

1887

..... First salaried wardens \$1.50 a day.

..... A whole train car-load full of caribou was apprehended before reaching the Boston Market.

1888

..... Governor S.S. Marble

1889

..... Bag limit on moose — 1 bull moose — no calves or cows after 1889

..... Governor E.C. Burleigh

..... Good men are needed to guard the border during the crust hunting season. For this we have not had the means and it has not been done.

..... Comm. Stilwell & Stanley

..... Caribou perpetual closed season

1890

..... Lumbering in full swing in the back country — attempts to control slaughter of deer for camp meat in the lumber camps.

..... Commissioners Stilwell & Stanley wrote to Governor Burleigh; "There seems to be a better feeling, except in a few localities, in favor of protecting our fish and game. More are beginning to see the large amount of money they bring into our state . . . (Note: this was the basis when we represented that fish & game was the number 1 resource in the State of Maine.) Even the poor man in the back woods gains from the hunters as he often guides their party. fish & game #1 resource, agriculture #2 resource, wood industry #3 resource.

..... Caribou extinct

..... Moose closed season

1892

..... Limit on deer — 2 deer per hunter (was 3).

1893

..... Governor Henry B. Cleaves

..... THOMAS H. WENTWORTH & HENRY O. STANLEY — COMMISSIONERS OF INLAND FISHERIES & GAME

1895

..... GOVERNOR HENRY B. CLEAVES

..... THOMAS H. WENTWORTH, HENRY O. STANLEY, CHARLES E. OAK — COMMISSIONERS OF INLAND FISHERIES & GAME

..... LICENSED TAXIDERMISTS

..... HATCHERIES — SEBAÇO, AUBURN, KINEO, CARIBOU, WELD, ENFIELD

..... FIRST STATE-OWNED HATCHERY BUILT IN CARIBOU MAINE.

1896

..... SECOND STATE-OWNED HATCHERY BUILT AT MONMOUTH — COST \$1,000.00 (40 ACRES)

..... COMMISSIONERS OF INLAND FISHERIES & GAME — LEROY T. CARLTON, HENRY O. STANLEY, CHARLES E. OAK

..... THERE ARE 48 COMMISSIONED INLAND FISH & GAME WARDENS IN THE STATE, ALL UNDER BOND FOR THE FAITHFUL DISCHARGE OF THEIR DUTIES.

..... MANY PONDS BEING STOCKED WITH SMELTS NOW.

1897

..... GOVERNOR LLEWELLYN POWERS

..... REQUIRED MAINE GUIDES TO KEEP RECORDS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED AND DAYS GUIDING

..... DAMAGE TO CROPS BY DEER WERE INVESTIGATED AND SOME FUNDS PAID OUT TO OWNERS.

1899

..... CLOSED SEASON ON CARIBOU — DISAPPEARANCE STIMULATED MUCH INTEREST IN GAME PROTECTION.

1900

..... 4 NEW HATCHERIES — EDES FALLS, EAST AUBURN, MONMOUTH, AND CARIBOU WERE FINISHED.

..... TRAPPING SEASON — FISHER, MINK, MUSKRAT AND SABLE 10/16 TO 4/30.

..... BEAVER PROTECTED ALL YEAR

..... BOUNTIES — \$5.00 FOR BOBCATS AND WOLVES. (SINCE 1830 — 1900 BOUNTIES ON BEAR, WOLVES, WILDCATS, CROWS, AND PORCUPINES).

..... CONCERN OF FISH & GAME DEPARTMENT — SOME DAY MAY HAVE TO PAY TO HUNT AND FISH.

..... RESULTING FROM "SEPTEMBER LAW" 1899 — MAINE HUNTERS PAY \$4.00 (NON-RESIDENTS. \$6.00) LICENSE IF THEY WANTED TO KILL A DEER IN SEPTEMBER. THEY WERE ALLOWED 2 DEER DURING THE REGULAR SEASON ALSO. NO LICENSE WAS REQUIRED FOR THOSE 2 DEER, ONLY THE DEER TAKEN IN SEPTEMBER.

..... MAINERS WERE CONCERNED — THEY FELT "MAINERS HAD ALWAYS FELT THAT WILD BIRDS AND ANIMALS OF THEIR FORESTS, THE LEAPING FISH OF THEIR STREAMS AND LAKES, WERE FAIR GAME FOR ANYONE SKILLFUL ENOUGH TO TAKE THEM.

..... DEPARTMENT SAW A NEED TO CONSERVE FISH AND GAME IF WE WERE TO HAVE ANY LEFT.

1902

..... GOVERNOR JOHN F. HILL. COMM'S: L.T. CARLTON, HENRY O. STANLEY, EDGAR E. RING.

1904

..... NON-RESIDENT PAID \$15.00 TO HUNT. 6 NEW WARDENS WERE HIRED FROM THIS INCOME.

1906

..... GOVERNOR WILLIAM T. COBB. COMM'S: LEROY T. CARLTON, J.W. BRACKETT, EDGAR E. RING.

1907

- Prohibited sale of trout, landlocked salmon, toque, white perch, and black bass.
- York and Cumberland Counties had Bucks Only Law.
- Sunday hunting — We have constant complaints from many sections of the State of the violation of the "Sunday Law", so-called, which does not come within the scope of our duties to enforce. Sunday is closed time on game, made so by statute. The old "Sunday law", so called which applies to fishing as well, and is constantly, openly and notoriously violated, and, it is not within the scope of our duties to enforce.
- Department tried to introduce legislation to keep guns out of the woods during closed season.
- Hunting accidents — 2 fatalities, 30 wounded.

1910

- Bert M. Fernald, Governor
- Inland Fisheries & Game Commissioners — J.W. Brackett, Blaine S. Viles, Edgar Ring.
- Hatcheries and feeding stations; Caribou, Enfield, Squaw Brook, Lake Moxie, North Belgrade, Monmouth, Lake Auburn, Oquossoc, Sebago Lake and Knox County

1912

- Frederick W. Plaisted, Governor
- Commissioners — J.S.P.H. Wilson, Blaine S. Viles, F.E. Mace

1913

- William T. Haines, Governor
- Commissioners — J.S.P.H. Wilson, Walter I. Neal, Blaine S. Viles

1914

- William T. Haines, Governor
- Commissioners — Harry B. Austin, Walter I. Neal, Blaine S. Viles
- Fish & Game Associations cropping up all over the State now

1915

- Oakley C. Curtis, Governor
- Commissioners — Harry B. Austin, Walter I. Neal, Frank E. Mace

1916

- Oakley C. Curtis, Governor
- Commissioners — Harry B. Austin, Leon G.C. Brown, Frank E. Mace
- Need auto trucks to stock fish instead of railroad cars
- Warden Service looks on favorably, need better pay, automobiles to take care of poachers using autos to hunt at night
- Hunting accidents — 16 fatalities, 21 non-fatalities
- Talk of State land purchased to have preserves

1917

- Non-resident fish \$2.00

1919

- Carl C. Milliken, GOVERNOR
- Willis E. PARSONS, COMMISSIONER of INLAND FISHERIES & GAME
- Speaks of CHIEF WARDENS & DISTRICT WARDENS
- SECRET SERVICE MEN helped Fish & GAME TO CATCH MARKET HUNTERS by COVERT ACTIVITIES
- Resident registration law — KEPT THE NON-RESIDENT FROM HUNTING AS A MAINE CITIZEN
- LOADED GUN in a MOTOR VEHICLE prohibited
- CONCERN ABOUT JACKING — COURTS SHOULD BE ASKED TO IMPOSE JAIL SENTENCE
- HUNTING ACCIDENTS — 10 FATALS, FOURTEEN WOUNDED
- Resident HUNTING license — 25 CENTS — GOOD FOR A LIFETIME
- Resident fishing license — 25 CENTS — GOOD FOR A LIFETIME
- MANY SAWDUST HEARINGS HELD DURING 1919 & 1920, ATTEMPTS TO CLEAN UP RIVERS.
- OWNERS OF CATS SHOULD, DURING THE BIRD NESTING SEASON — MAY 15 TO AUGUST 15 — ASSUME THE RESPONSIBILITY OF SEEING THAT THEIR CATS ARE NOT GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO KILL BIRDS

1920

- 7 FATALS, 18 WOUNDED (HUNTING SEASON)
- LICENSING SYSTEM PRETTY WELL ESTABLISHED

1921

- NON-RESIDENT fishing \$3.00
- ARTHUR DEAG DROWNED

1922

- PERCIVAL P. BAXTER, GOVERNOR
- COMMISSIONER, WILLIS E. PARSONS
- WARDEN SERVICE REDUCED DUE TO LACK OF FUNDS — WARDEN FORCE CUT IN HALF
- BIG BUSINESS IN THE BIG WOODS
- BEAVER POACHING ALONG THE CANADIAN BORDER. 11/20/22 WARDENS DAVE BROWN OF GREENVILLE AND MERTLY JOHNSON OF PATTEN PROCEEDED TO LOON LAKE DEPOT AFTER BEAVER POACHERS, THEY NEVER RETURNED. MAY 23 & 24 BOTH BODIES WERE FOUND IN THE DEADWATER OF BIG BOG SO-CALLED, SOMERSET COUNTY.
- MOOSE SEASON WAS DONE AWAY WITH

1923

- PENOBSCOT SALMON CLUB ESTABLISHED. 1ST SALMON WENT TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE U.S.

1924

- WARDEN SERVICE BEING ASSISTED BY OVER 200 MAINE CITIZENS TO HELP OUT THE SMALL FORCE. SEVERAL NEW FISH AND GAME CLUBS SET UP TO ASSIST IN THE SAME CAUSE
- BEAVER NUMEROUS — NEED TO CONSIDER AN OPEN SEASON, ALOT TAKEN BY WARDENS ISSUING PERMITS TO TAKE THEM

1926

- RALPH O. BREWSTER, GOVERNOR
- WILLIS E. PARSONS, COMMISSIONER
- DEER LIMIT — 1 PER HUNTER PER YEAR
- EXPANSION OF HATCHERIES CAUSED LESS FUNDING OF GAME WARDENS, WARDENS TAKE IT IN STRIDE. NO COMPLAINT FROM WARDENS

..... Dog law — give notice and if found running in the forest unaccompanied then liable for a penalty

..... WARDEN SERVICE MADE A HEAD WARDEN OR SUPERVISOR IN CHARGE OF THE CHIEF WARDENS

..... WARDENS WERE REFERRED AS DEPUTIES FOR EACH DISTRICT.

..... CHIEF HEAD WARDEN WAS DISCONTINUED — CHIEF CLERK OF LONG EXPERIENCE IN THE AFFAIRS OF THE DEPARTMENT ASSISTED THE COMMISSIONER IN SUPERVISING THE CHIEF WARDENS — NOTIFYING THEM OF REPORTED VIOLATIONS AND SUCH COMPLAINTS AS CAME TO THE OFFICE BY MAIL OR OTHERWISE.

1928

..... GEORGE STOBIE — APPOINTED FISH & GAME COMMISSIONER — 6'3" PITCHER FOR THE RED SOX FOR 2 YEARS

..... RE-ORGANIZATION OF WARDEN SERVICE. 4 ZONES WITH SUPERVISORS IN EACH.

..... SUPERVISORS CALLED CHIEF WARDENS, RESPONSIBLE FOR A DISTRICT ALSO.

..... OPEN SEASON ON MOOSE — LAST NOVEMBER SAW THE SLAUGHTER OF 125 BULL MOOSE — STATE WILL NOT RECOVER FOR MANY YEARS. IT IS HOPED THAT THERE WILL BE NO FURTHER OPEN SEASON ON MOOSE. WHEN THEY FINALLY DISAPPEAR THEY WILL NO MORE RETURN THAN THE CARIBOU WHICH LEFT THE STATE 25 YEARS AGO OR MORE.

..... JANUARY — WARDEN EDWARD KING OF SKOWHEGAN, LOST A HAND AND SMALL PART OF ARM WHILE ON PATROL IN THE WOODS. WHILE SNOWSHOEING, TRIPPED, GOT HIS ARM WET AND FROZEN. A PORTION OF ARM AND ALL OF HAND WAS REMOVED BY AN OPERATION.

..... 206 REARING POOLS NOW IN OPERATION

..... PROPOSED \$25 A MONTH INCREASE TO WARDENS.

1929

..... RESIDENT LICENSES 50¢, \$1.00 COMBINATION

1931

..... CIVIL SERVICE EXAMS — APPLICANTS TO TAKE A CIVIL SERVICE EXAM, CANDIDATES SELECTED BASED ON SCORES, PREVIOUSLY WARDENS WERE POLITICALLY APPOINTED. WARDEN EARL BRADBURY, ARTHUR ROGERS, ELMER INGRAHAM WERE SELECTED FROM THE FIRST LIST.

1932

..... GOVERNOR LOUIS J. BRANN

..... GOVERNOR BRANN ASKS STOBIE TO FIRE 40 WARDENS AND HIRE 40 FROM A LIST PROVIDED BY HIM. STOBIE ADVISES BRANN TO LEAVE OFFICE AND TAKE HIS LIST OF 40 WITH HIM.

..... LEGISLATURE ATTEMPTS TO HAVE MORE SATISFACTORY POLLUTION LAWS

..... DEER CROP DAMAGE PAID \$3,378.53. 109 CLAIMS, ORCHARDS MOSTLY

..... CHIEF WARDEN ALONZO COLSON WAS SHOT IN LEG AND BEATEN WHILE TRYING TO APPREHEND A CAR FULL OF VIOLATORS.

..... WDN. BERT TUPPER OF ROCKWOOD FRACTURED LEFT LEG, CHEST INJURIES, WHILE APPREHENDING NIGHT HUNTERS — 6 WEEKS IN HOSPITAL

..... DEPARTMENTS FIRST ENGINEER WAS HIRED AND BUILT GRAY GAME FARM

..... UNDERCOVER AGENTS — MARKET HUNTERS

1933

..... GRAY GAME FARM STOCKED 1660 PHEASANTS. 1940/8500 BIRDS 1949/17,000 — 1960/30,000 BIRDS

..... WARDEN BAPTISTE JALBERT DROWNED IN ST. FRANCIS RIVER AROOSTOOK COUNTY WHILE ON PATROL IN HIS CANOE.

..... LICENSING OF HOUSE CATS URGED BY LEGISLATURE IN ORDER TO PROTECT WILDLIFE.

..... Many deer clubbed to death in deep snow to put food on the table.

1934

..... BEAVER BECOMING A NUISANCE UNDER CURRENT PROTECTION
..... DEER kill fell off 40%.
..... HUNTING ACCIDENTS - 8 fatalities 6 wounded.

1935

..... LARGEST fish HATCHERY in the world . . . Gray Fish Hatchery (Federally Funded).
..... Stobie talks of buying 20 small game preserves to be owned by the state.
..... Wdn. George Bradbury breaks hip - in hospital several months.
..... Stobie asks legislature for funds for more wardens.
..... 11 State Hatcheries now.
..... Stobie has party at Moosehead for the Presidents cabinet in Washington, all Governors invited on the East Coast.
..... REFERENDUM ON license INCREASE FROM .50 TO \$1.00.
..... Wdn. Clifford Chaples - tried for assault and battery, found not guilty, stemming from arrest of night hunters.
..... Wdn. Bradbury shoots at vehicle which never stopped for night hunting.
..... Ted Willett of Millinocket gets 60 days jail and \$100.00 for killing a moose.
..... MOOSE HUNT 3 days 3 counties 2 prongs no less than 3" Knox - Lincoln - Waldo 11/28, 29, 30.
..... SHOTGUNS plugged for duck hunters.
..... Howland man charged with attempted murder of 3 wardens in a night hunting apprehension.
..... 10/23/35 - Wdn. Menzer Sampson of Sangerville and Ted Whitten of Dover-Foxcroft jumped on the running board, grabbed a gun from a passenger, causing the gun to go off, a fight ensued, wardens smashed the windshield, Wdn. Sampson was hit with a flashlight and knocked off the vehicle to the ground unconscious. Wdn. Whitten smashed the other side of windshield and removed the keys from the moving vehicle. 1 passenger ran off, two were apprehended for night hunting.
..... 10/25/35 - FUNERAL of Chief Game Warden Robert L. Moore. Collision of Ford Guides' car in which he was riding with another warden. Occurred at Mayfield crossing at Moscow.
..... HUNTING ACCIDENTS - 4 fatalities 7 wounded.

1936

..... Stobie issues new uniforms to wardens.
..... U of Maine offers course to conservation wildlife.
..... COON HUNTING at night legal.
..... WARDENS clean up Washington County Market Hunters. 20 deer bought from poacher.
..... 1st Warden School held at Orono.
..... HUNTING ACCIDENTS - 18 fatalities 26 wounded.

1937

..... BERT DUTY of Greenville attends Sportsman Show at Eastern States.
..... Wdn. Lloyd Clark promoted to Chief Warden after 1 year of service.
..... HUNTING ACCIDENTS - 15 fatalities 13 wounded.
..... PITTMAN-ROBINSON Bill passed in Congress. (Provided for Federal Funds for conservation of game animals.)
..... PITTMAN-ROBINSON ACT game and bird management.
..... 40 deer and parts of 10 additional deer Washington County. Sting \$500.00 Wdns. PP

PERSONAL exp. 50 people cited \$100.00.

..... WARDEN SERVICE STARTS OWN flying SERVICE. Stobie gives THE DEPARTMENT USE of his PERSONAL Gull-Wing STINSON AIRCRAFT. Bill TURGEON is NAMED WARDEN PILOT.

1938

..... 11/38 Wdn. FRANK HOAR WAS HIT WITH 5 CELL flashlight, splitting fingers ON HAND, while APPREHENDING NIGHT HUNTERS.

..... Ned HUTCHINSON NAMED WARDEN SERVICE PILOT along with TURGEON.

..... STATE PAYS \$11,000 dollars IN BOBCAT BOUNTIES.

..... Wdn. ERNEST L. SPINNEY - dies IN BOSTON AFTER 7 WEEKS HOSPITALIZED.

..... 3RD ANNUAL TRAINING SESSION AT UMO 5 day SCHOOL.

..... Wdn. EDWARD KING, 77 years old, OLDEST MAN ON THE FORCE. 26 STRAIGHT COMMISSIONS.

..... 2ND STING Solon/SKOWHEGAN PASS. of 15 DEER TO N/H CASES ORGAN. EFFORT DEER PURCH \$15 TO \$100.00.

1939

..... WARDEN SERVICE ORGANIZES A PISTOL TEAM.

..... 2 day Wdn. SCHOOL AT UMO

..... Wdn. HALTON GRANT of RANQELEY - DISMISSED.

..... 25 YEARS A GAME WARDEN - WRITTEN BY Wdn. FREDERICK JORGENSEN (BOOK)

1940

..... Wdn. Lyle SMITH BREAKS 3 RIBS, MUSCLES TORN, HEAD LACERATIONS AND INJURIES, BACK INJURIES WHILE APPREHENDING NIGHT HUNTERS. 9/13/40

..... HUNTING ACCIDENTS - 13 FATALS 12 WOUNDED.

..... ON RARE OCCASIONS Wdn. SVS. RESPONDED TO LOST HUNTERS.

..... WARDENS WORKED ON A LOT OF CROP DAMAGE.

1941

..... Wdn. Raymond HARRINGTON - RUPTURED NAVAL WHILE GETTING OUT OF MUD WITH VEHICLE, HOSPITALIZED AND OPERATED ON.

..... Wdn. Fred SMITH - HIT BY NIGHT HUNTERS CAR - NECK LACERATED, CUT TENDONS, KNEE CAP DAMAGED.

1942

..... Wdn. MOSE JACKSON - BROKEN WRIST APPREHENDING NIGHT HUNTERS.

1943

..... LAW MAKING WARDENS RESPONSIBLE TO LOOK FOR LOST PEOPLE.

..... WARDENS ISSUED BOOTS, SHIRTS, AND PARKAS.

..... RE-ORGANIZED WARDEN SERVICE STRUCTURE. 12 DIVISIONS 88 DISTRICTS (27 OF WHICH HAD TEMP WARDENS.)

..... NO OUTBOARDS AVAILABLE DURING THE WAR.

..... GREATEST MAN-HUNT IN HISTORY - CANADIAN DRAFT DODGER HIDING IN N. PISC. COUNTY, STARTED TRAVELING IN SEARCH OF FOOD, SHOT A MAN, BECOMING THE OBJECT OF AN INTENSE SEARCH WHICH RESULTED IN HIS DEATH.

1944

..... MORE TEMPORARY WARDENS THAN ANY OTHER TIME.

..... WARDENS CALLED UPON TO CAPTURE 2 GROUPS OF GERMAN PRISONERS WHO HAD ESCAPED.

1946

- Wdn. MAYNARD MARSH - hit by CAR OF NIGHT HUNTERS, suffered leg injury, 3 MONTHS IN HOSPITAL, EVENTUALLY ENDING IN 2 YEARS OF HOSPITAL RETURNS. 9/17/46
- FOOT MILES 136,858 HRS IN THE FIELD 320,776
- TEMPORARIES RELIEVED AS PRE-WAR WARDENS CAME BACK FROM ARMED SERVICES.
- ALL BUT 2 VACANCIES WERE FILLED BY APPLICANTS ON CIVIL SERVICE WAITING LIST.
- 10 WARDENS WERE RECEIVING OJT BENEFITS FROM THE GOVERNMENT.
- ILLEGAL DEER HUNTING WAS AT A ALL TIME HIGH. ALSO FISHING WITHOUT A LICENSE WAS AT AN ALL TIME HIGH. NIGHT HUNTING WAS HIGH.

1947

- NIGHT HUNTING ALL TIME HIGH - DURING JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER, AND OCTOBER - 335 VIOLATIONS (100% INCREASE OVER ANY YEAR.)
- EQUIPMENT WAS NOW AVAILABLE.
- FIRE BAN CAUSED HUNTING TO BE CURTAILED IN THE FALL.
- THE BAD DRAUGHT RAISED HAVOC WITH FISH IN BROOKS AND STREAMS.

1948

- WARDEN CAMPS WERE EXTENSIVELY REPAIRED, EQUIPMENT WAS RENEWED AND IMPROVED. 3 NEW CAMPS BUILT IN NORTHERN AROOSTOOK COUNTY.
- Wdn. ROLAND ABBOTT OF BETHEL WAS WOUNDED WITH A .45 CALIBER PISTOL WHILE CHECKING A SUBJECT IN A GRAVEL PIT - THE MAN WAS EVENTUALLY FOUND RUNNING A ROAD BLOCK IN NY AND SHOT TO DEATH.

1949

- DEMANDS ON WARDEN SERVICE SHOWED AN INCREASE IN NEARLY EVERY ASPECT OF A WARDENS ACTIVITY.
- BROOK FISHING STILL NOT GOOD.
- 3 WEEK WARDEN SCHOOL AT CAMP KEYES AUGUSTA.
- NEW EQUIPMENT ISSUED - POLICE .38 CAL. REVOLVERS, BELTS, HOLSTERS AND CARTRIDGE BOXES.
- WARDEN SALARY ONLY DETRIMENT.
- STOBIE ASKS GOVERNOR FOR 10% INCREASE IN PAY.
- 1/8/49 SUPERVISOR ROY GRAY INJURES BACK ON SNOW COVERED ICE.

1950

- COMMISSIONER STOBIE RETIRES.
- INCREASE IN DEMANDS ON WARDENS FOR CROP DAMAGE, CAR DAMAGE, LOST PERSONS, DROWNINGS, ETC.
- THE INCREASE SINCE 1940 IS 100% AND THERE IS NO END IN SIGHT. WARDEN SERVICE IS A SOLUTION TO ALL PROBLEMS - PERCEIVED BY PUBLIC...WOODS OR WATERS... ITS OURS!
- 122 LOST PERSONS SEARCHED FOR.
- SUBSTANTIAL DECREASE IN NIGHT HUNTERS APPREHENDED DUE TO INCREASE PUNISHMENT (117) (LAST YEAR 362).
- ANNUAL Wdn. SCHOOL AT CAMP KEYES 3 WEEKS IN MARCH.
- Wdn. HENRY GROSS RELIEVED OF DUTY IN DIVISION A AND ASSIGNED TO THE MAIN OFFICE AS PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER.
- Wdn. WENDELL SYMS ASSIGNED TO WARDEN SERVICE AT THE STOREHOUSE.
- HUNTING ACCIDENTS - 15 FATAL 15 WOUNDED.

1951

- DINGELL-JOHNSON ACT FISHERY & MGT. RESEARCH FISHERIES DIVISION.

1955

..... PRESIDENT EISENHOWER FISHES BANOR SALMON POOL AND PARMACHENE LAKE.

1956

..... TWO-WAY RADIOS ISSUED TO WARDENS.
..... 32 TEMPORARY WARDENS HIRED.
..... WDN. PILOT GEORGE TOWNSEND DIED IN A PLANE CRASH WHILE TAKING OFF FROM MARANACOOK LAKE (1/27/56) BIOLOGIST NATHAN W. FELLOWS, JR. ALSO KILLED IN CRASH.
..... FISH STOCKING BY AIRCRAFT IS NOW A REGULAR DUTY OF WARDEN PILOTS.
..... 4 NEW WARDEN CAMPS HAVE BEEN BUILT - NICATOUS LAKE, BAKER LAKE, ALLAGASH LAKE AND EAGLE LAKE.

1959

..... STATE OWNED VEHICLES - HALF THE FLEET GETS STATE VEHICLES.
..... 58 TEMPORARY WARDENS HIRED DURING HUNTING SEASON AND MONTH PRIOR TO IT.
..... WARDEN SALARIES INCREASE TO \$72.00 A WEEK, TOP PAY AT \$90.00 A WEEK.
..... HIRING PROCESS ATTRACTED 2 UMO GRADUATES, 1 MAINE MARITIME GRADUATE AND 3 OTHERS WITH SOME COLLEGE COMPLETED.
..... GREENVILLE HANGER COMPLETED.

1960

..... NEW BOAT LAW REQUIRES BOATS TO BE REGISTERED AND NUMBERS DISPLAYED. (MOTORBOATS 10HP AND MORE.)
..... REST OF WARDEN SERVICE ISSUED STATE VEHICLES, WITH 2 WAY RADIOS AND BLUE LIGHTS AND SIRENS.
..... LITTER LAW COMES INTO EFFECT - WARDENS NEW RESPONSIBILITY.

1961

..... CREEL CENSUS COMPILED BY DISTRICT WARDENS.
..... 250 WATT RADIO BASE STATION NOW IN OPERATION AT GREENVILLE.
..... 340 NIGHT HUNTERS PROSECUTED.
..... LIE DETECTOR DEMONSTRATED TO WARDEN SCHOOL CANDIDATES.
..... LIGHTING LAW BECOMES EFFECTIVE THROUGH LEGISLATURE.
..... SALARIES IMPROVED RESULTING IN LESS TURNOVER TO WARDEN SERVICE.

1962

..... BOUGHT 7 NEW SNOWMOBILES FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT.
..... WARDENS IN NORTHERN MAINE WERE ASSIGNED TO DOG PROBLEMS IN CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN MAINE.
..... NEW LIGHTING LAW CUT NIGHT HUNTING ACTIVITY BY 2/3RDS IN 1961.
..... CLAYTON LAKE WARDEN DISTRICT CREATED - NEW HOUSE BUILT.
..... PURCHASED 6 NEW BOATS WITH LARGE MOTORS.
..... STATE PERSONNEL LAW COMES INTO EFFECT - COMP. TIME OFF FOR HOLIDAYS.
..... 3 WEEKS ANNUAL LEAVE FOR 15 YEAR EMPLOYEES.
..... SALARIES INCREASE THROUGH PERSONNEL.
..... PITTSBURGH CAMP REPLACED 20 MILE CAMP.
..... WHITEFIELD CAMP PURCHASED AS DIVISION B HEADQUARTERS.
..... WARDENS ISSUED NEW UNIFORM COATS.
..... DOGS KILLED 271 DEER DURING WINTER.
..... PERSONNEL SETS UP TEST FOR WARDEN INSPECTORS AND THE DEPARTMENT PROMOTED 10 DISTRICT

WARDENS TO WARDEN INSPECTOR.

..... PERSONNEL SET UP TEST FOR WARDEN SPECIALISTS.

1963

..... BAXTER PARK RANGER HEATH AND WOMAN PERISH ON MT. KATAHDIN.

1964

..... WARDEN SERVICE RESCUE UNIT FORMED - MOUNTAIN CLIMBERS AND SCUBA DIVERS.
..... CARIBOU RELEASED AT MT. KATAHDIN (23 OF THEM)
..... MSP INSTRUCTS INSPECTORS IN FIREARMS TRAINING.
..... MEAT IDENTIFICATION LAB ESTABLISHED BY SGT. BUCHANON.
..... NEW DEPARTMENT PATCH - SPEERS PATCH.
..... 2 WARDEN INSPECTORS CONCENTRATED ON MARKET HUNTERS AND WERE VERY SUCCESSFUL.
..... THE NUMBER OF DIVISIONS HAD BEEN REDUCED TO 10, WITH AN INSPECTOR'S POSITION CREATED AND ONE INSPECTOR ASSIGNED TO EACH OF THE 10 DIVISIONS. NINETY-NINE DISTRICT WARDENS WERE EMPLOYED, WITH A TOTAL OF 119 FIELD POSITIONS.

1965

..... FIRST SEMINAR FOR ALL DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL HELD AT UMO.

1966

..... CAMERAS ISSUED TO INSPECTORS.
..... AWARD SYSTEM IMPLEMENTED.
..... RETIREMENT CHANGES 1/2 PAY 25 YRS. RETIRE AT AGE 55.
..... MOTOR VEHICLE REVIEW BOARD ESTABLISHED.

1968

..... LUDWIG RESCUE AT KATAHDIN.
..... 7/1/68 LYLE FROST KILLED IN EXPLOSION IN FRANKLIN, DYNAMITING BEAVER DAM.
..... NEW UNIFORMS - STETSONS AND RIDGWAY CAPS.
..... THE NUMBER OF DIVISIONS INCREASED FROM 10 TO 11. THE NUMBER OF INSPECTORS (10) REMAINED THE SAME. DISTRICT WARDENS INCREASED FROM 99 TO 104. FIELD POSITIONS TOTALED 125.

1969

..... THE DIVISION OF SNOWMOBILE REGISTRATION (NOW SNOWMOBILE SAFETY) FORMED.

1970

..... 64 WARDEN AIDES APPOINTED.
..... WARDEN AID A FLYING BEAVER TRAPPER WHO CRASHED HIS PLANE.
..... ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION ENACTED FOR AIR, LAND, AND WATER POLLUTION AND CONSERVATION.

1972

..... ARMY SURPLUS HELICOPTERS OBTAINED BY WARDEN SERVICE.
..... 9/27/72 WARDEN PILOT RICHARD VARNEY DROWNED IN A HELICOPTER CRASH AT MARANACOOK LAKE.

1973

..... BLAZE ORANGE GOES STATEWIDE (BEEN IN EFFECT IN SOUTHWESTERN FOR 6 YEARS)
..... YOU ALONE IN THE MAINE WOODS - PUBLISHED.

1974

- DAAQUAM HOUSE built, NEW GARAGE AT ESTCOURT.
- REMODELED NAPLES CAMP AND ROUND POND CAMP.
- PERSONAL flotation devices REQUIRED.
- SALMON STAMP REQUIRED.
- Chief Wdn. ALLEN ATTENDS FBI ACADEMY.

1975

- REMODELED EAGLE LAKE CAMP, AND pilots HOME.
- FIRST TIME DEPARTMENT CHOOSES TO AUCTION OFF VEHICLES INSTEAD OF TRADING THEM IN.
- REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS IN OPERATION NOW.
- SWIMMING COURSE ATTENDED BY WARDENS IN THE WINTER.
- MAINE WARDEN SERVICE RELIEF ASSOCIATION ESTABLISHED.
- 28 DAY work PERIOD ACCORDING TO FLSA STANDARDS.
- SUPERVISOR MARSH ATTENDS FBI ACADEMY.
- Insp. TRASK ATTENDS SUPERVISORY SCHOOL MCJA.
- Wdn. MIKE COLLINS ATTENDS BASIC POLICE ACADEMY MCJA.
- Wdn. ROBERTSON ATTENDS S&W HANDGUN SCHOOL.
- Wdn. KNIGHT INSTALLS HIGH BAN POLICE RADIOS IN VEHICLES.
- COLOR GUARD TEAM ESTABLISHED.
- THE NUMBER OF DIVISIONS WAS REDUCED FROM 14 TO 10. THE NUMBER OF DISTRICT WARDENS REMAINED AT 104. HOWEVER, THE NUMBER OF INSPECTORS INCREASED FROM 10 TO 17, WITH A TOTAL OF 131 field positions.

..... DEPARTMENT'S NAME CHANGED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE TO REFLECT ITS EXPANDED MISSION TO INCLUDE NON-GAME WILDLIFE AS WELL AS TRADITIONAL GAME SPECIES AND EXPANDED REGULATORY AUTHORITY.

- REMODELED EAGLE LAKE CAMP
- FIRST TIME DEPARTMENT CHOOSES TO AUCTION OFF VEHICLES INSTEAD OF TRADING THEM IN.
- REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS IN OPERATION.
- MAINE WARDEN SERVICE RELIEF ASSOCIATION ESTABLISHED.
- 28 day work PERIOD ACCORDING TO F.L.S.A. STANDARDS.
- WARDENS INSTALL HIGH BAN POLICE RADIOS IN VEHICLES.
- COLOR GUARD TEAM ESTABLISHED.

1976

- PURSUIT driving COURSE FOR WARDEN SERVICE.
- NIGHT HUNTING PENALTY INCREASES \$500.00 AND 3 days in jail.
- INSPECTORS SENT TO SUPERVISORS SCHOOL AT MCJA.
- 9 day SEARCH FOR CHRIS GREENE ON THE St. JOHN.
- TWO divisions COMBINED: SNOWMOBILE SAFETY AND REGISTRATION AND WATERCRAFT REGISTRATION AND SAFETY.
- PURSUIT driving COURSE FOR WARDEN SERVICE.
- NIGHT HUNTERS PENALTY INCREASES TO MANDATORY \$500.00 AND 3 days in jail.

1977

- Wdn. GEORGE EDWARDS SELECTED WARDEN OF THE YEAR.
- WARDEN SERVICE HONOR GUARD ESTABLISHED.

- Turkeys released in York County.
- INSPECTORS - 2 day school in SEARCH & SEIZURE.
- THE NUMBERS OF DIVISIONS WAS REDUCED FROM 10 TO 9. THE NUMBER OF INSPECTORS WAS REDUCED FROM 17 TO 15 AND THE NUMBER OF DISTRICT WARDENS FROM 104 TO 98, WITH A TOTAL OF 122 POSITIONS.

1978

- Wdn. PALMAN first FEMALE GAME WARDEN hired.
- PRACTICAL TRAINING AT SWAN Island INCORPORATED AT WARDEN SCHOOL.
- THE RANK OF COLONEL, MAJOR, LIEUTENANT, SERGEANT, CORPORAL WERE ESTABLISHED.
- DIVISIONS REDUCED FROM 9 TO 8. SERGEANTS REMAINED AT 15, DISTRICT WARDENS INCREASED FROM 98 TO 99. TWO DISTRICT WARDENS WERE REASSIGNED AS DETECTIVES.

1980

- K-9's added TO WARDEN SERVICE - Sgt. ALLEN & Wdn. PALMAN.

1981

- SAR OVERHEAD TEAM ESTABLISHED.
- SAR OVERHEAD TEAM COMMAND POST SET UP. VAN & BLAZIER.
- WARDEN SERVICE PERSONNEL LISTED AS FOLLOWS: 1 chief warden, 1 deputy chief warden (major), 8 field lieutenants, 1 regulations lieutenant, 18 field sergeants, 1 detective sergeant, 5 corporals, 100 district wardens, 1 detective warden. 136 TOTAL WARDEN SERVICE POSITIONS.

1982

- RE-ORGANIZATION
- HIGH MILEAGE ON VEHICLES - WORKING WITH WORN OUT EQUIPMENT (BORROWED VEHICLES)
- AGAINST THE LAW TO USE OUR STATE VEHICLE (NON DUTY)
- Sold 3 PLANES - ELIMINATE 2 PILOTS
- ELIMINATE 20 YR RETIREMENTS
- Abolished 3 Lt's positions.
- Abolished 7 Wdn DISTRICTS.
- Established 5 Division HEADQUARTERS GAVE public DIRECT CONTACT WITH WARDEN 800 NUMBER.
- Closed GREENVILLE HANGER.
- ELIMINATE 1 ACFT MECHANIC
- ELIMINATE 1 Ch. Wdn. pilots position - BOTH LONGTIME EMPLOYEES FORCED TO RE-LOCATE FAMILIES
- Layoffs
- Sold Camps
- 11 VACANT DISTRICTS

1983

- HIRED 5 WARDENS.
- 23 PART-TIME WARDENS.
- HIGH MILEAGE VEHICLE - BORROWED VEHICLE FROM OTHER STATE AGENCIES.
- MERRYMEETING Bay CAMP
- 5 PROPERTIES
- Wesley CAMP
- LEGISLATURE RE-INSTATED THE DEPT'S LAYOFFS
- 41 VEHICLES WITH MORE THAN 100,000 MILES
- 20 VEHICLES WITH MORE THAN 75,000 MILES
- 61 OF 129

1986

- New ATV laws
- 1st wild turkey season
- Antlerless deer season
- Limited work hours Garcia - 8.5 hrs. a day (better invest. better use of time)

1988

- Major habitat protection initiatives passed by legislature
- Growth Management Law — Towns mandated to develop growth management plans with the coordination of the Department of Economic Development or Community Services. Department of IF & W to map significant wildlife habitat features.
- Natural Resource Protection Act — A consolidation/expansion of earlier legislation requiring IF & W to determine and map significant wildlife habitats so they can be regulated by D.E.P.