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STATE OF MAINE

DEPARTMENT OF INLAND FISHERIES AND GAME
One of the most noticeable changes on the Maine outdoor scene this summer is the tremendous increase in the number of boats on inland waters. Complaints have been coming in to wardens on reckless operation of boats to a much greater extent than last year.

As I have pointed out before, the likelihood of new boating legislation this coming session is very strong, and it certainly is not necessary to point out once again that this department is interested in workable laws, since we are the agency which will undoubtedly have to enforce them.

It has also become quite obvious that there are many boat livery operators and camp owners who are not familiar with the law governing registration of boats. In cases where boat owners engaged in renting their equipment are aware of the law there is seldom any indication that they are not willing to comply.

It would be well if all department employees would familiarize themselves with the boat registration law in order to better answer questions on the subject. Camp owners who rent their camps, with boats, should check with their local wardens to determine their responsibility concerning the boats.

The Warden Service will inspect all such boats and make sure they are properly painted, repaired, and fitted with oars or paddles, as necessary; boat capacity is fixed by the wardens, and the capacity and registration number must appear on one side of the bow. The registration fee is one dollar.
HERE AND THERE

The Department feeding station at LaGrange has been closed, according to Gerry Wade, Superintendent of Hatcheries, who says that the two old units at Enfield will also close soon. Consolidation of the three units into the facility at Enfield will result in a much more efficient operation, Wade says. The same areas will be served by the new installation.

This centralization will eliminate some transportation requirements and other problems. The improvement in economy of operation will enable the Department to do a better job with its fish rearing and stocking program for waters served by the old units at Enfield and LaGrange.

Golden trout are known to exist in only four lakes in the world—At Sunapee, Dan Hole Pond in Ossipee, New Hampshire, Averill Lakes in Vermont, and Floods Pond in Maine.

NEW HAMPSHIRE NEWS RELEASE

During the week of June 16 to June 20, Albert Swartz, Dingell-Johnson Regional Supervisor, of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, visited Maine to inspect Federal Aid Projects being conducted by the Fishery Research and Management Division.

Swartz spent the week with Dr. Everhart and Lyn Bond in the Aroostook region, where intensive follow-up studies are being made by the Fishery Division to determine the effect of the DDT spraying for the spruce bud worm by the Forestry Department. This intensive investigation is being conducted by Kendall Warner, Regional Fishery Biologist for the Aroostook region.

Two baby mink were found June 29 by two youthful fishermen in the Kingfield area. The fishermen turned over the two mink to Warden Gray Morrison.

Warden Supervisor Jack Shaw of the Rangeley area said the mink will be turned over to the State Game Farm at Gray. He said it was unusual that the mink were caught. "You might see a mink with her litter of five or six young ones running along the shore of a lake, but rarely do you get close enough to the animal to catch one."

The two which are in captivity are about three weeks old, Shaw estimated. Mating time is generally during April to May 1 and the gestation period is 42 to 46 days.
Part of the Brownfield Bog Game Management Area is being developed as a campsites for canoeists on the Saco River. When the Fish and Game Department purchased Brownfield Bog, which borders the Saco River in Brownfield and Denmark, a campsites and natural carrying place around Walker's Falls was included in the transaction. Recognizing the lack of facilities for canoeing enthusiasts along Maine's canoe trails, the Department felt that here was a chance to provide camping facilities on one of the State's finest canoeing rivers.

This summer, Charles Heino, principal of Crescent Park School in Bethel and an ardent outdoorsman, will be in charge of developing the campsite. In addition to his duties of supervising development of the area, he will instruct classes in outdoor skills. In order to preserve the wilderness aspects of the site, use of the area by outdoor enthusiasts will be restricted to persons and groups using the river.

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The I and E Division has issued another plea to field personnel to be on the lookout for possibilities for good wildlife pictures. Ken Gray is currently working on three films for the department including one on the State's wildlife. If any person with the Department spots a good possibility for an animal shot, he should contact the I and E Division in Augusta.

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A new North American brown trout record catch was established at Celina, Tenn., April 19, when George Langston landed a 26-pound, 2-ounce beauty from the Obey River. The fish topped the previous record holder, a 24-pounder caught in California's Regulator Lake in 1945. Langton's lunker was only six years old, according to scale sample readings made by biologists of the Tennessee Game and Fish Commission. The fish was 37 inches long and 23½ inches in girth. It was caught on a spin-casting rod, 8-pound monofilament line and an artificial lure of the angler's own invention.

TENNESSEE NEWS RELEASE

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NEW PERSONNEL

MRS. NELLIE A. NEAL JOINED THE LICENSE DIVISION AS A CLERK TYPIST ON JUNE 25. SHE WAS PREVIOUSLY EMPLOYED BY THE HEALTH AND WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

MRS. NEAL HAS BEEN A RESIDENT OF NORTH VASSALBORO FOR TEN YEARS. ARNOLD AND NELLIE NEAL HAVE ONE SON WHO IS MARRIED.
Two biologists with the Atlantic Salmon Commission have started a study of the salmon on the Narraguagus River in Washington County. The two, Al Meister of Milford and Dick Cutting of Orono, are conducting a salmon smolt enumeration on the river.

To count the silvery smolts, which are about two years old, Cutting and Meister have set up two compartmented fyke nets on the Narraguagus, a few miles above Route Nine, the Airline Route. The small fish are trapped, counted, weighed, aged, measured, marked, and then released.

The program was started on May 5 and should run from six to ten years in order to get good results.

For about three years, the two biologists conducted a similar program on Cove Brook in Winterport under adverse conditions. Although equipment loss and damage occurred during winter months, the two did manage to accumulate—through three spawning runs—information indicating a production of about three smolts per 100 square yards of stream surface. This production figure was reached with no supplementary stocking or predator control.

A proposed additional installation on the Narraguagus is a permanent, all-weather weir at the foot of Beddington Lake, to operate in conjunction with the two upstream nets already in use, and perhaps others.

With this addition, Cutting and Meister hope to determine the total of smolts coming from the drainage area above the lake. It will be a two-way trap, holding both smolts and adult Atlantic salmon. Markings, differing with the various seasons, will be made for identifying the fish so that their activities may be traced.

Relating the number of adult salmon going upstream to the number of smolts coming back down will help in learning the survival rates and total production of the area.
STUDY OF LARGEMOUTH BASS PLANNED FOR BELGRADE STREAM

STARTING IN JUNE, FISHERY BIOLOGIST JOHN W. KELLEY OF AUGUSTA BEGAN A TWO-YEAR STUDY OF LARGEMOUTH ON BELGRADE STREAM, WITH A CREEL CENSUS PLANNED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATION.

BELGRADE STREAM IS THE OLDEST AND ONE OF THE BEST DEVELOPED LARGEMOUTH BASS FISHERY IN MAINE, AND IS NOW SEEING SOME ENTHUSIASTIC FISHING FOR LARGEMOUTH. ANGLERS THERE MAY BE CONTACTED BY KELLEY, WHO WILL TRY TO SEE AS MANY AS POSSIBLE, AND WILL LEAVE POSTAL CARDS WITH THEM WITH A REQUEST FOR REPORTS ON THEIR LUCK AFTER HE LEAVES.

THE AREA OF THE STUDY, FROM WING'S MILLS DOWN TO MESSALON-SKEE LAKE, WILL BE POSTED TO INFORM THE PUBLIC OF THE PROJECT, HOW IT IS BEING CONDUCTED, AND WHAT INFORMATION THE FISH AND GAME DEPARTMENT IS LOOKING FOR.

FROM JUNE 1 THROUGH AUGUST 31, THIS YEAR AND NEXT, KELLEY WILL CONDUCT THE CREEL CENSUS. ITS PURPOSE IS TO FIND OUT HOW POPULAR BELGRADE STREAM IS AMONG FISHERMEN, HOW MUCH TIME THEY SPEND THERE, AND WHAT THEY CATCH. IN ADDITION TO SHOWING THE INTEREST IN THE STREAM AND ITS FISH, THE CENSUS WILL HELP GIVE AN IDEA OF THE FISH POPULATION.

ALONG WITH THE CENSUS, KELLEY WILL MAKE AN OVERALL STUDY OF THE LIFE HISTORY OF THE LARGEMOUTH BASS IN THE AREA. THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE INFORMATION PUBLISHED ON THIS FISH IN MAINE AND OTHER NORTHEASTERN SECTIONS. KELLEY WILL MAKE AN AGE AND GROWTH STUDY, LEARN THE FEEDING HABITS OF THE LARGEMOUTH, AND DETERMINE EGG PRODUCTION AND OTHER PHASES OF THE REPRODUCTIVE PROCESS.

AIDS TO FISHERMEN

THE TIME SOON MAY COME WHEN HELPFUL DOCK OPERATORS AND STATE WILDLIFE AGENCIES WILL BE ADVISING ANGLERS HOW DEEP TO FISH. A SKINDIVER AT CENTER HILL LAKE IN TENNESSEE RECENTLY OBSERVED THAT MOST ANGLERS WERE FISHING AT DEPTHS OF FROM 15 TO 20 FEET WHEREAS BASS WERE CONCENTRATED IN WARMER WATERS IN THE 5 TO 10 FOOT LEVEL. ADVISED TO "SHORTEN UP" ANGLER FRIENDS SOON REALIZED MORE FISHING SUCCESS.

NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION

A FISHERMAN, DISGUSTED AT HIS POOR LUCK ALL DAY, IMPULSIVELY DIPPED THE MINNOW HE WAS USING AS BAIT INTO A JUG OF MOONSHINE, THEN LOWERED HIS LINE AGAIN. SECONDS LATER HE FELT A STRIKE AND HAULED IN A HUGE PIKE WHICH WAS THRESHING ABOUT HELPLESSLY AGAINST THE MINNOW WHICH HAD IT BY THE THROAT AND WAS CHOKING IT TO DEATH.

CARLING CONSERVATION BULLETIN
AN INVESTMENT IN THE FUTURE

RICHARD B. PARKS
ACQUISITION LEADER

THE MAD SCRAMBLE FOR LANDS FOR INDUSTRY, HOUSING AND RECREATION, SO EVIDENT IN MANY OF OUR NEIGHBOR STATES TO THE SOUTH, SEEMS FAR AWAY FROM THE SERENE COUNTRYSIDE HERE IN MAINE. YET, SUCH COMPETITION IS STEADILY GOING ON AND IS GRADUALLY GETTING CLOSER TO OUR BORDERS AS THE YEARS ROLL BY. AND THIS COMPETITION WILL CONTINUE AS LONG AS THE POPULATION OF OUR COUNTRY INCREASES AT ITS PRESENT RATE. SUCH LAND USE MAKES WOODED LANDS INTO HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS AND CAUSES MARSH LAND TO BE FILLED FOR INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS. STILL OTHER MARSHES ARE PURCHASED BY THE WEALTHIER SEGMENT OF THE SPORTING PUBLIC FOR THEIR PERSONAL RECREATION PURPOSES.

WHAT ABOUT MAINE? WE HAVE TRIED TO BENEFIT FROM THE EXPERIENCES OF OUR SISTER STATES WHO SADLY NEGLECTED THE PURCHASING OF HIGH QUALITY GAME LANDS. MANY OF THEIR LANDS ARE NOW DESTROYED OR OF SUCH VALUE AS TO BE PROHIBITIVE FOR STATE PURCHASE. IN THE FALL OF 1956, A RENEWED PROGRAM OF ACQUISITION OF HIGH QUALITY GAME LANDS WAS STARTED BY THE GAME DIVISION UNDER OUR P-R FEDERAL AID PROGRAM. (FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO MAY NOT BE FAMILIAR WITH THIS PROGRAM, IT MEANS THAT 75% OF THE MONEY USED FOR THE PURCHASE AND DEVELOPMENT OF THESE LANDS IS PAID BACK TO THE STATE BY UNCLE SAM.)

A LIST OF PROPOSED SITES FOR THESE GAME MANAGEMENT AREAS (AS THEY ARE CALLED) HAS BEEN PREPARED BY PERSONNEL OF THE GAME DIVISION AND THE WILDLIFE COOPERATIVE UNIT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE, WITH A TENTATIVE PRIORITY RATING ASSIGNED TO EACH AREA. THIS PRIORITY RATING MERELY MEANS THE ORDER IN WHICH THEY SHOULD BE PURCHASED FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER. THESE AREAS ARE PREDOMINATELY WET-LAND AREAS WHICH ARE OF SHORTER SUPPLY THAN GOOD UPLAND GAME AREAS. SUCH AREAS MAY HAVE ONE OF TWO REASONS FOR PURCHASE - OR A COMBINATION OF BOTH - WATERFOWL PRODUCTION OR PUBLIC HUNTING. PURCHASES OF LARGE TRACTS OF UPLAND, PRIMARILY FOR HUNTING PURPOSES, HAVE CERTAINLY NOT BEEN RULED OUT, AND AT LEAST ONE SUCH AREA IS SCHEDULED TO BE PURCHASED IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

WHAT HAS BEEN PURCHASED SO FAR? SINCE THE FIRST STATE PURCHASE OF GAME LANDS IN 1941, A TOTAL OF THIRTEEN AREAS HAVE BEEN PURCHASED TOTALING SOME 17,418 ACRES. THE MOST RECENT ADDITIONS TO THIS LIST PURCHASED IN 1957 ARE THE BROWNFIELD GAME MANAGEMENT AREA, COMPRISING SOME 2800 ACRES (OF WHICH ABOUT 50% IS POTENTIAL WATERFOWL HABITAT), AND THE FAHI POND GAME MANAGEMENT AREA. THE LATTER IS LOCATED IN EMBDEN IN SOMERSET COUNTY, AND CONTAINS SOME 300 ACRES OF MARSH LAND.
OPTIONS ARE NOW BEING TAKEN ON ANOTHER TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN HODGDON IN SOUTHERN AROOSTOOK COUNTY, WHICH WILL BE KNOWN AS THE HODGDON GAME MANAGEMENT AREA AND WILL INCLUDE 400 ACRES, OF WHICH 50% WILL BE WATERFOWL HABITAT. AN AREA SCHEDULED FOR EARLY PURCHASE IS THE TIDAL MARSHES IN THE TOWN OF SCARBORO LOCATED IN CUMBERLAND COUNTY. THIS AREA WILL INCLUDE ABOUT 2500 ACRES.

WE CANNOT HOPE TO PURCHASE ENOUGH LAND SO THAT EVERYONE WHO HUNTS MAY DO SO ON STATE-OWNED LAND, BUT THE GAME DIVISION FEELS IT IS DOING ITS SHARE TO PRESERVE SOME OF THE HIGH QUALITY GAME LANDS FOR FUTURE SPORTSMEN, AS WELL AS TO HELP MAINTAIN OUR GAME POPULATION, BY INVESTING SOME OF OUR MONEY IN GAME LANDS FOR THE FUTURE.

CLARENCE DUNBAR RETIRES

CLARENCE Dunbar, resident farmer at Swan Island, has retired after 28 years service with the Fish and Game Department. He completed his duties with termination of State jurisdiction since the island has been sold to the Federal Government.

Dunbar was born in Vermont, lived for many years in Quebec and came to Maine as a representative of Blair Veneer Company. On May 1, 1930, he went to work for the State at the Lily Bay Fish Hatchery and after four and a half years was transferred to Newport, where he worked eight years before going to Swan Island.

Dunbar came to Swan Island as resident farmer when the State took over the Island. He started the wildlife program there. The Dunbars have bought a home in Milo.

GAME WARDEN REWARD

A MAN KNOCKED AT THE HEAVENLY GATE,
His face was scarred and old:
He stood before the man of fate
For admission to the fold.

What have you done, St. Peter asked,
To gain admission here?
"I have been a game warden, Sir,
For many and many a year."

The pearly gates swung open wide,
St. Peter touched the bell—
"Come in and choose your harp," he said.
"You've had your share of Hell."

SOUTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE
GAME DIVISION ACTIVITIES

The waterfowl breed pair count, as well as the first brood check of selected areas, has been completed. Two more brood checks will be made on the same areas, one early in July and the other early in August. The data have not been analyzed yet, but present indications are that there may have been two peaks (instead of one) in the nesting of our waterfowl. Some young birds are about to fly, while others of the same species are just outgrowing the downy stage. The situation looks good at present.

Small marsh construction is well under way with "Tiny" Holmes the immediate supervisor. Marshes have been completed on four sites in Sheepscot, Alna, Winslow's Mills, and Newcastle. The next area of construction will be Bangor and general vicinity.

A small marsh survey and maintenance crew has been employed to survey new sites and take care of minor maintenance on the marshes already built. They have been working on the Hewett Marsh in Skowhegan and the Bishop Marsh in Madison so far.

Division Chief Russ DeGarmo was laid up with a back operation for a short period of time. He bounced back fast and returned to the office the day after he returned home from the hospital.

The marsh area in Hodgdon, Aroostook County, is now in the process of changing ownership. Dick Parks is presently taking deeds on that area which will total about 400 acres including the upland part.

Good returns have been received on the game kill questionnaire and the data are now at the Bureau of Accounts and Controls for punching on IBM cards. We hope to have the results soon.

More and more cooperation is becoming evident between the Department and timber owners in connection with deer yard management. On-the-ground surveys are being made with timber company officials "getting down to brass tacks" on what should and could be done to benefit deer. The companies are being helpful.
ENGINEERING DIVISION

Good progress is being made in the construction of the Enfield Hatchery and Fish Rearing Station. Concrete has been placed for the upper pools in both lines, and work has started on laying a 24-inch pipeline to Cold Stream Pond. Jon Whitten, a junior at the University of Maine in the Civil Engineering course, is assisting resident engineer John Ketner.

Ray Lemelin, our construction foreman, has completed removal of a ledge at Saco Falls on the Pleasant River in Columbia. A four foot wide channel was cut through solid rock up to depths of eight feet and for a length of nearly one hundred feet. A thirty-nine foot long Denil fishway is now being built at the lower end of the falls to complete this fish pass.

The twenty-two foot high falls has in the past proved a complete obstacle to the migration of alewives and trout and to all but the hardiest of Atlantic salmon. Cost of the construction, estimated at $4,000, is being shared jointly by the town of Columbia Falls, the Atlantic Salmon Commission, and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game.

Designs have been completed for work at Lower Dam on the Pennamaquan River in Pembroke. This dam, owned by the Department, is being managed by the Game Division to provide nesting areas for waterfowl. Since this river provides valuable spawning areas for sea-run salmon and alewives, it has been found necessary to construct a fishway, in addition to re-building an existing structure, to enable fish to get by the dam. Concrete on the dam will be repaired and a hoist operated gate installed. Similar facilities are being designed for the Department owned dam at Little Falls a few miles upstream on the same river. Work on these structures is scheduled to start in July under the supervision of Ray Lemelin.

On June 11, 1958, the State obtained title to a four and a half acre tract of land, formerly owned by Victor Leet of Greenville, on the east shore of Moosehead Lake. This tract, lying across the cove from the present plane base will be the site of a new plane hangar, an office building for the regional biologists, a dwelling for the plane mechanic, and a boat house. Construction is scheduled for 1959.

A pool type fishway with submerged orifices has been designed for a dam to be built by the U. S. Air Force on Madawaska River in Caribou. A contract has already been let for the construction. This dam is being built as part of a project to supply water to the Limestone Air Base.
CLAYTON GRANT HAS COMPLETED DESIGNS FOR DAMS FOR THE GAME DIVISION AT DAY MARSH IN NEWCASTLE AND WINSLOW-HYDEN MARSH IN SHEEPSCOT. TWO DAMS DESIGNED BY GRANT HAVE BEEN RECENTLY COMPLETED AT VERNEY MARSH IN ALNA AND REED MARSH IN WALDOBORO. OTHER DAM DESIGNS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED FOR INSTALLATION AT MARSHES LOCATED IN THE BANGOR-LINCOLN AREA.

FISHING FEVER

FISHING FEVER PROBABLY HAS A MORE Profound EFFECT ON THE HUMAN RACE THEN ANY KNOWN MALADY. AND THERE'S ONLY ONE CURE—FISHING. TAKE, FOR EXAMPLE, THIS SITUATION WHICH HAPPENED RECENTLY AT THE OFFICE OF THE IOWA CONSERVATION COMMISSION.

A TELEPHONE RANG IN THE INFORMATION SECTION. STAFF ARTIST JIM KELLER ANSWERED. A VOICE ASKED, "IS BLEDSOE THERE?" HERSCHEL BLEDSOE, INFORMATION SPECIALIST FOR RADIO AND TELEVISION, DISSEMINATES FISHING REPORTS GATHERED FROM AROUND THE STATE, AND DOES A REMOTE RADIO SHOW FOR A LOCAL STATION ABOUT FISHING.

KELLER EXPLAINED THAT BLEDSOE WAS OUT FOR A MINUTE AND ASKED IF HE COULD BE OF HELP. THE VOICE INQUIRED IF KELLER KNEW ANYTHING ABOUT THE FISHING REPORTS. WHEN GIVEN AN AFFIRMATIVE, THE VOICE THEN ASKED, "WHAT WAS THAT HE SAID YESTERDAY ON THE RADIO ABOUT A STRING OF BASS WEIGHING 44 POUNDS APiece?"

"NO, NO."
"IT WAS A STRING OF FIVE BASS WHICH WEIGHED A TOTAL OF 44 POUNDS."

"THAT'S MORE THAN 8 POUNDS APiece."

"THAT'S RIGHT,"
"KELLER AGREED.

ANOTHER MOMENT OF SILENCE. "WELL I'LL BE..." AND THE LINE WENT DEAD.

KELLER WAS ALMOST BACK TO HIS OWN DESK WHEN THE PHONE RANG AGAIN. WHEN HE ANSWERED, THE SAME VOICE ASKED, "WHERE?" KELLER TOLD HIM AND ASKED IF THE CALLER KNEW WHERE IT WAS.

THE VOICE REPLIED, "I SURE DO AND I'M GONE."
AGAIN THE PHONE WENT DEAD.

IOWA NEWS RELEASE
MAKING THE ROUNDS WITH THE WARDENS

DIVISION A

Five fawns were picked up in Division A and turned over to the Game Farm. One of these was being molested by a fisher at the time it was picked up in Casco.

Deer showed up very well during the month. Supervisor Marsh has had more crop damage than usual. He also reports more dogs are chasing deer than is common for this time of year. He had five deer killed by cars recently which were being chased by dogs.

Sebago is still providing some good catches, both salmon and trout. There appears to be little or no interest in brook fishing, probably due, Marsh believes, to the slow fishing.

DIVISION B

Fishing was slow the most of the month in Division B. Some interest was shown in the opening of the bass season. High winds on the weekends kept many anglers off the lakes.

One lone Canada goose stayed in the Merrymeeting Bay area near Pleasant Point until an over-eager hunter shot it. The hunter, when confronted by a warden, admitted doing the shooting. He said that he thought he had shot at a bittern but he also admitted shooting from his automobile and using a .22 rifle.

Moose have been killed at the rate of about one a week on the turnpike. Dog trouble in the Augusta area continues with complaints coming in regularly.

A fishing derby was held at Megunticook Lake, June 29. Any fresh water within a 20-mile radius was eligible. Wardens checked 12 trout (largest brown a little over 5 pounds), 12 bass, 11 pickerel, 6 salmon (largest 2 1/2 pounds) and around 20 white perch.

Alford Lake has been holding up as the best brown trout water in the Division. Several large fish have been hooked but have repeatedly broken tackle. One woman has lost tackle on three different fish.
Warden Olin Jackson picked up a young man at China Lake taking bass with a spear gun. He was using diving and snorkel equipment. He had one bass when Jackson picked him up. He said that he liked to travel around and fish in about 30 feet of water. The diver could stay down for an hour or more at a time.

**Division C**

Arthur Rogers, Supervisor

Emden Pond continues to produce good salmon and togue fishing. On one day Warden Louis Chute of Anson checked 12 togue that were all over 6 pounds. River fishing picked up the beginning of the month as the water level went down. Chute reports that a lot of togue are being taken at Hancock Pond that are from 15 to 18 inches. These are the same fish that were stocked two years ago and were from 8 to 10 inches at that time.

Many forms of wildlife began to show themselves during the month. Warden Norman Gilbert notes that two moose in Hartland are being seen about every evening. Warden Chute had three beaver reported traveling the Main Street of Skowhegan recently. Two of them were holding up traffic while the third used the sidewalk. They had been seen several times going from the river to a small brook nearby.

Warden Oral Page reports that black bass were late in moving into their spawning grounds. He believes this was due to the late cold spring.

Warden Stanley Richardson of Plymouth has checked several woodchuck hunters around. The chucks are very plentiful because of so few fox, according to Richardson.

Near the end of June brooks began to get low in Division C. The pulp wood drive on the Kennebec started and consequently fishing slowed down.

**Division D**

Wendell Brown, Supervisor

Lawbreakers are keeping the wardens busy in Division D. Warden Hitchcock has been involved in six trout cases—two for short fish and four for over the legal limit. Warden Tukey had one man with 22 fish over his legal limit. Warden Mossey is having a run on no-license cases. The smelting cases this spring in Division D were equal to the total for the past two years.

Sebec Lake has produced the best fishing in five years. The fish are being caught up to four pounds.

Two moose were seen in Exeter recently. One bull played tag with two dogs most of one afternoon.
Fishing for Atlantic salmon on the Narraguagus River in Cherryfield has been red hot during the month of June. Not only were there a lot of fish landed but many were hooked and lost.

Warden Linwood Folsom, Cherryfield, reports that Leslie Randall of the same town shot a bear which weighed 325 pounds after being woods dressed. The bear was destroying bee hives on the blueberry barrens. The hives of bees were brought to Maine by the truck loads from Massachusetts and placed over the barrens for pollination of the blueberry plants.

Supervisor Morse had a run on lost persons during June. Most of them were fishermen that stayed on the brooks too late at night. When darkness came they were unable to find their way out of the woods.

One woman, a mountain climber, went to the top of Black Mountain in Township 10. She lost her way returning to Big Chief Camps and ended up on the shore of Tunk Lake. The woman started to follow the shore of the lake but went in the wrong direction. She swam all the coves from one point to another until she reached the Hatchery end of the lake. This was a remarkable feat for a woman 50 years of age.

In another case a 14-year-old boy from Ireland became lost in Plantation 33. He had been over in this country only a short time and had never been in the woods before. He used very good judgement and stayed in the woods roads.

Many fishermen have been checked at Grand Lake. A spur of fast salmon fishing on the surface was reported near the middle of the month. The Dennys River salmon fishing has been good.

Supervisor Lloyd Clark observed that the usual crop of black flies was around most of the month and they hadn’t lost any of their friendliness.

Warden Hasson reports checking a fisherman at Bottle Lake who had just caught and released a 15-inch bass. As the bass swam away it disgorged a 6½-inch trout. Hasson also checked another party who claimed they took a 2-pound salmon away from a sea gull.

Warden Cyr caught a pair of fishermen with 28 trout in their baskets and 42 more concealed in a secret compartment in their jeep.
BLACK FLIES AND MOSQUITOES WERE PLENTIFUL IN DIVISION G AND ANYTIME THAT THE WEATHER WARMED, THE FLIES MADE IT UNCOMFORTABLE FOR THE MOOSE AND DEER. SUPERVISOR PRIEST SAW SEVERAL MOOSE AROUND THE WATER EVIDENTLY TRYING TO GET RID OF THE PESTS.

FISHING PRESSURE IS HIGH IN PRIEST'S DIVISION OVER THE WEEKENDS. HE NOTED THAT IT WAS HARD TO FIND PARKING SPACE AT CHESUNCOOK AND SOURDNAHUNK LAKES ONE WEEKEND.

KATAHDIN LODGE IN MT. CHASE PLANTATION HAD A GOOD RUN ON BEAR HUNTERS. PRIEST ALSO CHECKED TWO BEAR HUNTERS WHO WERE STAYING AT KATAHDIN LAKE.

THE WARDENS IN DIVISION G HAVE BEEN FOULED MANY TIMES DURING THE MONTH BY A LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE PICKING FIDDLE-HEAD GREENS. IN QUITE A FEW CASES WARDENS WASTED TIME LOOKING FOR THESE PEOPLE AFTER FINDING THE CARS AND ASSUMING THEY BELONGED TO FISHERMEN.

SUPERVISOR PRIEST HAS SEEN MORE PUP FOXES THIS SPRING THAN HE USUALLY SEES IN A WHOLE SUMMER. HE ALSO HAS RECEIVED SEVERAL REPORTS FROM PEOPLE FINDING SICK COONS IN HIS DIVISION. IT APPEARS TO BE SOME SORT OF DISTEMPER.

DIVISION H

WILFRED ATKINS, SUPERVISOR

TWO RESIDENTS OF OXBOW, NAMELY FRANK HOWES, 80 YEARS, AND LYMAN WILLARD, 82 YEARS, FAIL TO ALLOW THEIR AGE TO INTERFERE WITH THEIR FISHING ACTIVITY, ACCORDING TO SUPERVISOR ATKINS. RECENTLY THESE TWO GENTLEMEN RAN THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF MOOSELEUK STREAM BY CANOE, 24 MILES, PLUS 10 MILES ON THE AROOSTOOK RIVER.

THEY STARTED AT MOOSELEUK LAKE AND CANOED DOWN THROUGH TO OXBOW, SPENDING TWO NIGHTS ENROUTE. THEY USED A MOTOR ON MOOSELEUK STREAM AND THE AROOSTOOK RIVER, BUT THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF MOOSELEUK STREAM, WHICH IS VERY ROCKY AND WITH RAPID WATER, WAS NAVIGATED BY USE OF A SETTING POLE.

THESE MEN AT ONE TIME GUIDED AND ENGAGED IN LUMBERING OPERATIONS ON THIS STRETCH OF WATER, BUT NEITHER OF THEM HAD BEEN ON MOOSELEUK FOR OVER 35 YEARS. THEY HAD A NICE TRIP, ENJOYED GOOD TROUT FISHING AND ARRIVED AT OXBOW WITHOUT THE SLIGHTEST MISHAP. MOOSELEUK STREAM IS NO PLACE FOR THE NOVICE CANOE MAN, ACCORDING TO SUPERVISOR ATKINS.

ON JUNE 10, SGT. THOMAS GRAFFAM OF LORING AIR BASE WAS SUCCESSFUL IN KILLING A MEDIUM-SIZED BEAR BY LONGBOW AND ARROW IN CASWELL. GRAFFAM HAD BEEN WATCHING A PLACE WHERE THE BEAR WERE BAITED AND ON THAT DAY GOT THE OPPORTUNITY AND THRILL THAT HE HAD BEEN WAITING FOR. WARDEN JOHN SHAW OF NEW SWEDEN MADE AN INSPECTION OF THE BEAR.
DIVISION I

Curtis Cooper, Supervisor

Brook fishing got underway in earnest the first of June in Division I. Warden Noyes apprehended a Canadian with 23 trout taken in Somerset County. He had the limit on a stringer and proudly displayed them to Noyes. He was a little put out when Noyes found the 13 extra in his pockets. Near the beginning of the month Warden Leathers checked 60 fishermen at Fall Brook Lake with 460 trout.

Warden Maynard Pelletier reports that he checked four salmon taken in the First and Second Wallaggrass Lakes. The largest was 4 1/2 pounds and was taken by Archie Labbe of Plaisted. These salmon are, no doubt, ones which are able to travel from Eagle Lake since the removal of the fish screen.

Warden Leonard Pelletier notes that the ice which ran last December and piled up on the shores was still 12 feet deep below the Allagash Falls in the middle of June.

Warden Noyes in talking with the International Paper Co. representative, learned that the company plans to hire a professional bear trapper for the summer in the area around Clayton Lake. The reason for doing this is because of the damage to spruce and fir trees being done by the animal in the early summer.

Warden Allen checked 16 salmon on Long Lake June 27. None weighed less than 3 pounds and more than one-third were fin-clipped salmon from the Birch River Feeding Station. Allen believes these salmon were stocked in the fall of 1955.

Pulping operations are underway in the back country. The Franconia Company is cutting 10,000 cords of pulp with 250 men in the area. The International Logging Co. has 1200 cutters in the Clayton Lake area.

DIVISION J

Wallace Barron, Supervisor

Fishing came into its own in Division J over the first weekend in June. A few big fish were taken including a 20 pound, 8 ounce togue from Moosehead taken by Lucien Drouin of Waterville. He took the fish from the deep hole off Kineo, plugging. All camps were filled and camping spots were full and overflowing.

The fishing slowed down after the holiday weekend. Several windy weekends kept anglers off the big lakes. Many parties became stranded and communication lines were down in the north country. Two planes were damaged by winds at Greenville. One was flipped over by the wind even though it was tied to a wharf. Another piloted by Joe McAnahern of Greenville was flipped by gusts on a landing. No serious accidents were reported.
WARDENS REPORTED PRETTY SLOW FISHING IN DIVISION K THE EARLY PART OF JUNE. WARDEN RAY ELLIS OF PHILLIPS BELIEVED THAT BROOK FISHING JUST HAD NOT STARTED OR THE DROUGHT OF LAST SUMMER HURT THE FISHING. HEAVY SNOWS LAST WINTER BADLY BROKE AND BENT THE ALDERS, BUSHES AND TREES MAKING IT POOR TRAVELING ON SOME STREAMS.

A FEW LARGE FISH WERE REPORTED. WARDEN MARTIN SAVAGE OF OQUOSSOC CHECKED A 5 POUND 6 OUNCE BROOK TROUT FROM MOOSELOOKMEGUNTIC LAKE TAKEN ON A MOOSELOOK WARBLER BY A CONNECTICUT PARTY.

PIERCE POND HAS BEEN YIELDING SOME LARGE BROOK TROUT. WARDEN GRAY MORRISON OF KINGFIELD REGISTERED TWO FOR THE CLUB. MRS. ALFRED BLAKE OF SCIPUTA, MASS., LANDED A 6 POUND, 10 OUNCE TROUT. ANOTHER LARGE BROOK TROUT CAUGHT AT PIERCE POND WAS ONE CAUGHT BY ERASTUS CORNING OF ALBANY, N. Y., WHO TOOK THE FISH ON A MICKEY FINN WHILE FLY CASTING. PERHAPS A RECORD FISH FOR THE YEAR WAS A BROOK TROUT TAKEN BY A YOUNG ANGLER AT UPPER PIERCE POND, JUNE 22. DIXON GRIFFIN OF DIXFIELD LANDED AN 8 POUND 5 OUNCE TROUT JUNE 22 ON A SPINNER AND NIGHT CRAWLER.

PIERCE POND CAMPS HAVE BEEN SOLD TO A MR. COBB FROM LEE, ACCORDING TO SUPERVISOR JACK SHAW.

ON JUNE 7 WHILE AROUND THE HIGH POND AREA, WARDEN GRAY MORRISON LOCATED A FIRE WHICH WAS WELL STARTED. HE REQUESTED AID FROM SOME FISHERMEN IN THE AREA WHICH IS FOUR MILES FROM PIERCE POND. MORRISON WALKED OUT TO PIERCE POND AND WITH HIS TWO-WAY RADIO CONTACTED THE SKOWHEGAN STATE POLICE BARRACKS WHO IN TURN CONTACTED THE FORESTRY DEPARTMENT. MORRISON THEN WALKED BACK TO HIGH POND AND THE FIRE WAS FINALLY Brought under control. THIS GAVE MORRISON QUITE A DAY'S WORK AS HE GOT IN 16 FOOT MILES AND MOST OF IT WAS UP HILL. THIS WAS APPROXIMATELY IN THE SAME AREA OF THE PIERCE POND FIRE OF FIVE YEARS AGO WHICH ALMOST BURNED PIERCE POND CAMPS.

DIVISION L

BROOK FISHING WAS SPOTTY DURING JUNE IN DIVISION L. KEZAR LAKE PRODUCED SOME FAIR CATCHES OF SALMON AND A FEW BROWN TROUT. ANGLERS CAUGHT SOME SALMON AT THE MOUTH OF RAPID RIVER. SOME GOOD BROWNS, FROM 5 TO 7 POUNDS, WERE TAKEN FROM PLEASANT POND, OTISFIELD AND CASCO. HIGH WINDS KEPT FISHING ACTIVITY TO A MINIMUM IN THE MIDDLE OF JUNE. ONE BOAT SWAMPED NEAR BAILEY POINT, RICHARDSON LAKE, BUT THE OCCUPANTS WERE LUCKY ENOUGH TO MAKE SHORE.

IT WAS A HARD MONTH ON THE DEER HERD IN THE DIVISION. IN ONE WEEK, SIX DEER AND ONE MOOSE WERE KILLED BY CARS AND FOUR FAWNS WERE PICKED UP BY WELL-MEANING PERSONS.
HUNTER SAFETY PROGRAM PLANNED

MEMBERS OF THE I AND E DIVISION HAVE BEGUN PREPARATION FOR AN INTENSIVE HUNTER SAFETY PROGRAM FOR THE FALL. THE REASON FOR STARTING EARLY IS TO HAVE AMPLE TIME TO PLAN A MORE COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM WHICH SHOULD BE MORE EFFECTIVE.

THERE WILL BE MORE EMPHASIS THIS YEAR THAN BEFORE ON MATERIAL FOR USE BY RADIO AND TV STATIONS. IN THE PAST THE AMOUNT OF WORK NECESSARY TO PREPARE TV SCRIPTS AND FILMS WAS PROHIBITIVE. THE HEAD START THIS YEAR SHOULD ENABLE PHOTOGRAPHER KEN GRAY AND STAFF WRITER BILL MINCHER TO TURN OUT MORE AND BETTER MATERIAL FOR NETWORK USE.

THE DIVISION HAS SENT A QUESTIONNAIRE TO ALL RADIO AND TV STATIONS IN THE STATE. THEY HAVE ASKED NEWS MEDIA TO INDICATE WHAT TYPE OF MATERIAL IS PREFERRED AND FOR COMMENTS ON ATTACKING THE HUNTER SAFETY PROBLEM.

SHORT SCRIPTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN PREPARED FOR THE GOVERNOR, COMMISSIONER, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, AND CHIEF WARDEN. THESE WILL BE USED FOR SPOT ANNOUNCEMENTS BEFORE AND DURING THE HUNTING SEASONS. THE SCRIPTS HAVE BEEN PREPARED SO THEY MAY BE USED OVER A PERIOD OF TIME RATHER THAN ON A GIVEN DAY.

CONSERVATION DISPLAY AT CLEVELAND

THE DIVISION'S CONSERVATION EDUCATION DISPLAY WAS VIEWED BY THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE AT THE NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION MEETING IN CLEVELAND.

HAROLD MASON, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOL UNION 13 IN THE FALMOUTH-CUMBERLAND AREA, TOOK THE DISPLAY TO THE CONVENTION. HE SAID THAT A GUEST BOOK PLACED NEAR THE ARRANGEMENT OF PICTURES AND COLORED TRANSPARENCIES WAS COMPLETELY FILLED WITH THOUSANDS OF NAMES. AN ESTIMATED 20,000 PEOPLE ATTENDED THE MEETING FROM THE 48 STATES, HAWAII, ALASKA, AND PUERTO RICO.

THE IDEA OF SENDING THE PICTORIAL REPRESENTATION OF THE CONSERVATION EDUCATION PROGRAM IN MAINE ORIGINATED WITH COMMISSIONER COBB, EDUCATION COMMISSIONER WARREN HILL, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY CLYDE RUSSELL OF THE MAINE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION, AND FORMER CONSERVATION DIRECTOR LARRY STUART.