



# Weekly Report

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## OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER



Commissioner Woodcock, along with Biologists Scott Lindsey, Francis Brautigam, and Wardens Seth Powers

and Sgt. Tim Spahr participated in a full house 'Commissioner's Forum' at the Southern Maine Fish and Game Association in Kittery on Monday evening. The informative Q & A period had questions addressed by all members of the IF&W panel. A framed copy of the new Hunting/Trapping book, autographed by both Governor LePage and Commissioner Woodcock, raised \$110 for the Association in a raffle.



Friday afternoon, the Commissioner and Deputy travelled to Bangor to meet Quincy Rader, one of the recipients of a "Hunt of A Lifetime" moose permits. Quincy travelled to Maine from Washington State with his Dad and spent the week at a camp in the Mars Hill area. On Wednesday, Quincy successfully shot a really nice moose, and was pleasantly surprised when the moose didn't run off, as he had "seen his Dad shoot deer and they always ran away". (He only took one shot). We presented Quincy with a vest, water bottle, a card with a donation from Cabela's and some other Department goodies. It was a pleasure meeting Quincy and we hope he enjoys the moose. A big thank you to Dave and Debbie Drexel from Hunt of A Lifetime for all of the coordination, Warden Service (Chad Abbott and Ralph Hosford) for spending some quality

This coming week, the Commissioner, among many meetings, will be attending the Maine Warden Service's Fallen Officers Tribute Ceremony; and he will be attending the monthly meeting of the Wilton Fish and Game Club.

The next Public Sportsman's Forum, with a Commissioner's Q&A, will be November 16 from 7-9 PM at the Bucks Mills Rod and Gun Club in Bucksport.



time with Quincy and residents in the area for assisting as well. We can all be very proud of this program.

### HUNTERS FOR HUNGRY PROGRAM

DIF&W is always proud to be a partner with the Department of Agriculture on the Hunters for Hungry Program. The Program continues to be very busy this year, with so many community soup kitchens and families in need. We urge hunters to donate to the program (bear, deer and moose meat). For more information [click here](#).

### INFORMATION CENTER

This week the front office of the Department received and replied to:

- 1,061 Phone calls
- 139 Emails
- 80 Walk-ins



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## WILDLIFE DIVISION

Update on the Task Force to Examine the Decline in the Number of Nonresident Hunters: The Task Force held its first meeting on October 2nd and has two more meetings scheduled for October 23 and November 20. All meetings take place from 4-6 PM in the Conference Room of DIF&W. Call in capabilities are available. For more info, please contact Edie Smith at [Edith.A.Smith@maine.gov](mailto:Edith.A.Smith@maine.gov). To read all the resource materials being examined by the Task Force, plus agendas and minutes of the meetings, [click here](#). The minutes of the first meeting, including a list of the Task Force members, will be loaded on the DIF&W website later this week - they are currently being drafted for approval.



The 2011 Research and Management Report from the DIF&W Wildlife Division is now available on the website [here](#). Hard copies are also available at the DIF&W office. Filled with great information! Please read it on line or get your copy by stopping by the office.

### 2011-2012 Trapper Information



#### IMPORTANT CHANGES TO REGULATIONS

*NEW* - Beaver Seasons (Page 9)  
*NEW* - Rule Changes (Page 9)  
*NEW* - Lynx Exclusion device (Page 10 & 11)

The Trapper Information booklet is now available online, [click here](#).

The online version of the 2011-2012 Hunting/Trapping book has been changed to include an update to the trapping regulations. To view the book, [click here](#).

## FISHERIES & HATCHERIES DIVISION

### Proposed fishing regulation ready!

The new proposed fishing regulations are published, along with the hearing schedule.

They can be found [here](#).



## INFORMATION & EDUCATION



I&E Outreach Coordinator, Ben Tucker, attended a WalMart Safety day in Brunswick on Saturday, October 15th. Shown here is our booth.

## MAINE WARDEN SERVICE

On Sunday October 16 members of the Maine Warden Service participated in the 10th Mount Desert Island Marathon finishing first in the Public Safety Relay with a total time of 3:00:40. Team members included Colonel Joel Wilkinson, Corporal Aaron Cross and Wardens Kristopher MacCabe, Tom McKenney and Reggie Hammond. Each team member wore 2202 as their bib number in memory of Warden Pilot Daryl Gordon.



DIF&W Safety Director Mike Sawyer attended a Maine Search And Rescue Dogs (MESARD) three-day training session on disaster searches and advance dog behavior and obedience in Brooksville, ME. The training included working massive brush piles and rubble piles similar to what might be found after an earthquake, hurricane or a building collapse. The photo shows one of the dogs sniffing out a brush pile. 21 dogs, 16 handlers and 2 flankers participated in the training. MESARD is a statewide K9 Search And Rescue Unit that supports the Maine Warden Service and other agencies in searching for lost people throughout Maine. For more information: [www.mesard.org](http://www.mesard.org).

## RETIREMENTS



### George Matula

George Matula retired this summer after 32 years with the Department's Wildlife Division. He took a job as a teacher at Unity College, which he began in September.

Matula most recently served as the Endangered and Threatened Species Coordinator and Wildlife Planner, where he played a significant role coordinating the state listing of endangered and threatened species and essential habitat, and coordinating with other federal and state agencies on endangered species issues. During his entire tenure with MDIF&W George was responsible for coordinating wildlife planning activities for the Department, including reviewing planning documents, establishing and working with public working groups as they develop long-term, species management goals and objectives for the Department, and playing a major role in developing and maintaining Maine's Wildlife Action Plan.

In addition to his work for MDIF&W, Matula served as a Faculty Associate in Wildlife at the University of Maine.

*Shown above is George at his retirement party.*



### Mark Stadler

Mark Stadler has retired from the Department's Wildlife Division after more than 30 years on the job. One of the highlights of Stadler's tenure came in 2009, when he was named the Department's Manager of the Year.

"I have greatly enjoyed the privilege of being a wildlife biologist in Maine and doing my part – along with many others – to ensure the wise use of our natural resources and the perpetuation of our outdoor heritage," Stadler said shortly after earning that recognition.

Stadler worked at MDIF&W for 33 years, and he saw firsthand changes in Maine's wildlife habitat, peaks and valleys in the populations of different species, and he tried to patiently address the public's concerns for our outdoors.

"Much has been made, perhaps too much, of the job knowledge and historical perspective that will be lost throughout the workforce as the baby-boomers retire, but I am optimistic and excited about the future of the division and our wildlife management programs," Stadler said. "Within our ranks there are many capable and dedicated individuals who will guide the division into the future."



## ***Rescue!***

John Lambert of Parsonsfield sent these photos in with a thank you, for another great rescue by a Maine Game Warden: "*Warden Jason Scott did a fine job rescuing a Barred Owl (Hoot Owl) that had its leg stuck in a tree.*"

