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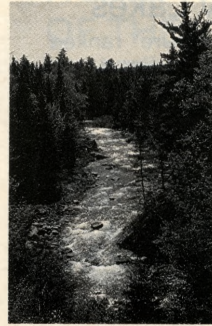
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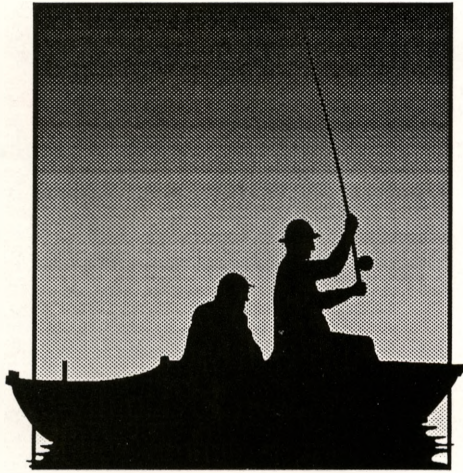
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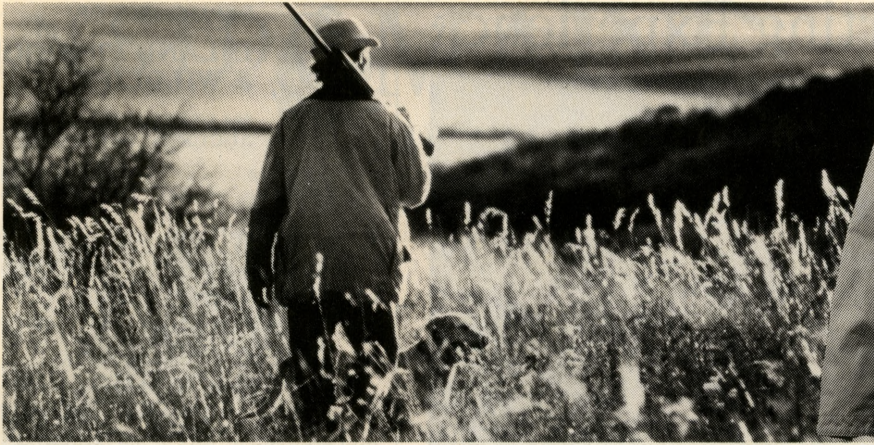
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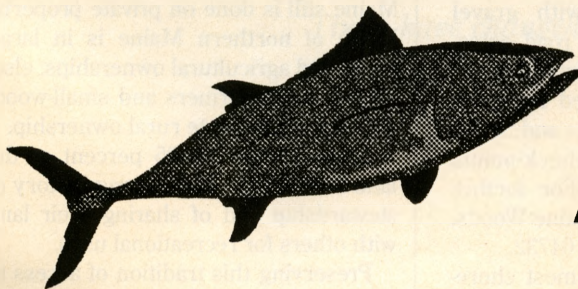


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Maine is tucked off by itself in relation to other states in the union, and has thus managed to retain unspoiled hunting and fishing territory of high quality. But while wildlife and fish are plentiful here, timing is the real key to success.

For example, freshwater fishing for cold-water species like brook trout and landlocked salmon is best in May, June, and September. Bass, pickerel, and perch, the warm-water species, are active during the summer months. And while big game (deer, bear, and moose) hunting is strictly an autumn sport, the seasons for some small game, birds, and ducks extend into the winter or year round.

This guide will provide you with answers to many of your questions about hunting and fishing in the state, but the details and rules involved are best gleaned from the official rules and regulations pamphlets provided by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife, 284 State St., Station #41, Augusta, ME 04333. Our advice is: Don't hunt or fish *at all* without first checking the rulebook.

Newcomers to Maine can speed their success by chatting with knowledgeable sporting camp owners, innkeepers, and the personnel at outdoor sporting shops, or by hiring a Registered Maine Guide. Some Guides work directly with the various sporting camps, so be sure to ask about hiring one when you make your lodgings reservations. You can also hire a Guide directly. Most will provide a boat and motor, and basic camping gear, as well as extensive knowledge bred of years of exploration

in their region. For more information, contact the Maine Professional Guides Association, P.O. Box 847, Augusta, ME 04332-0847.

If you want to camp during your stay, there are dozens of private campgrounds, several state parks, and scores of free campsites maintained by the Maine Forest Service on the state's lakes and ponds.

If you plan a trip to northern Maine, be advised that the great roadless "wilderness" that appears on road maps is neither roadless nor a real wilderness. Rather, it is a vast, privately-owned industrial forest, laced with gravel roads, lumber camps, and road gates. Much of this country is available for public use, but be prepared for questions about your travel plans and to pay modest gate fees at check-points throughout this domain. For further information, write North Maine Woods, P.O. Box 421, Ashland, ME 04732.

Elsewhere in the state, most shoreland and woods are also privately owned, but by small individual landowners. Though some of this land is posted against trespassing, much is not. The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife advises: "It is unlawful to trespass on private property after having been advised not to do so by the property owner *either* by word of mouth or by conspicuously posted signs. The department encourages sportsmen to seek owner permission *before entering* upon private property." Good advice for all of us to follow, if we want Maine's extensive private lands to remain open to the public for hunting and fishing.



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Dear Outdoor Enthusiast,

Whether you are a first-time visitor or a veteran of many adventures to our forests, fields and waters, I welcome you to the great State of Maine.

Maine's place in outdoor annals is secure and well-founded—indeed, legendary. Sure, we have some pretty decent populations of wildlife and fish, and some good-sized individuals among them as well. But lots of states can make those claims, and some can brag even more than Maine when it comes to good hunting and angling.

But there are plenty of other reasons Maine is a favorite place among folks who recreate in the out-of-doors, and a few things that make it unique among all the states. What strikes me as being most notable, but also most fragile, is the relationship here between private landowners and outdoor recreationists. Like no other place I'm aware of, almost all of Maine is privately owned, but much of this private land remains open for free or nominal-fee public access.

Increasing posting is changing that to a degree, but a very large amount of the outdoor recreation that takes place in Maine still is done on private property. Much of northern Maine is in large forest and agricultural ownerships; elsewhere, family farmers and small-woodlot owners dominate rural ownership.

These owners of 95 percent of the land in this state have a long history of stewardship and of sharing their land with others for recreational uses.

Preserving this tradition of access to private property will not be easy, but it can happen if land users treat the land and its owners the same way they would want someone else to treat their own private property: with care and respect.

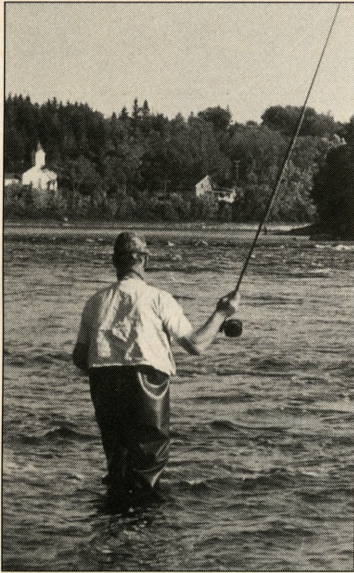
Thank you for choosing Maine as your outdoor recreation destination. If any representatives of the Maine Fish and Wildlife Department can help make your trip more enjoyable, please don't hesitate to ask. We're here to serve you.

Sincerely,

Ray B. Owen, Jr.
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Hunting for Game — Big and Small

Big Game

Big game hunting in Maine this fall should continue at the same good levels it has enjoyed in recent years. The deer herd is increasing, thanks to good management and generally favorable winter weather over the last few years, and bear and moose are also in good supply.

The 1995 deer season will run from October 30 through November 25, with October 28 being set aside for Maine residents only. The special muzzle-loader season opens after the regular deer season and will run from November 27 to December 2. Bow hunters have their special season on deer from September 28 to October 27.

The any-deer permit system started several years ago will be in effect again this fall. It establishes statewide "bucks-only" hunting during the firearms season. However, anyone holding a current hunting license may apply for an any-deer permit in any one of 18 management districts. If selected to receive a permit they can then take either a buck or doe deer in that district or they can hunt for bucks-only anywhere in the state. The yearly limit remains one deer per hunter, regardless of animal's sex or the season in which it is taken.

Application blanks for any-deer permits are available throughout the state during July, with the application period closing on August 15. The permit applications are free. A public drawing to select permittees is held each year in mid-September and winners are notified early in October.

Maine has excellent bear hunting, but to keep it that way the state has had to adjust the seasons and methods of hunting in order to prevent the bear kill from becoming excessive. This year, the outside dates for bear hunting are August 28 through November 25. Within that framework, hunting over bait will be permitted through September 23, and hunting with hounds will be legal from September 11 through October 27. Though bear hunting with bait is prohibited after September 23, an exception does allow hunting in conjunction with standing crops and foods left as a result of normal agricultural opera-

tions or natural occurrence. Still-hunting and stalking bear are legal through the entire period that bear hunting is allowed. A bear hunting permit (resident, \$5; nonresident, \$15) is required (in addition to a hunting license) from August 28 to October 27. Hunters harvested 2,223 bruins in Maine in 1994. Maine's bear population is currently estimated at close to 21,000, and biologists say the kill by hunters must not exceed 2,300 to maintain it at that level.

The moose season has been set for the week of October 2-7. Maine moose are hunted under a permit system based on a lottery conducted each spring. The number of permits has been increased to 1,400 this year, 10 percent

of them reserved for nonresident hunters. Recent counts have shown that the northern Maine moose population of over 23,000 works out to a density of three animals per square mile—among the highest in North America. The area for moose hunting includes lands north of a line formed by highway routes 16, 6, 2, 178 and 9.

Small Game

Rabbits, gray squirrels, raccoons, and other small game flourish in the state's fields and forests, but hunting for them is relatively light. This is good news for the small-game hunter, for it means little competition during the long open



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Bill Cross

seasons (as much as six months for cottontail rabbits and snowshoe hares).

Hares and raccoons are found statewide; the former are common in the hedgerows and softwood growth in the south, and in the evergreen thickets in the north. Raccoons are one of only two Maine animals that can be hunted at night, the other being the coyote. A special night hunting season has been set for coyotes in the winter. Check the rulebook for details. Otherwise, there is no closed season on coyotes.

A two-month season on gray squirrels provides plenty of opportunity for hunters seeking these elusive animals. Grays are plentiful in the hardwood forests of southern Maine, especially in stands of beech and oak. Note that it is strictly illegal to hunt squirrels in parks, or the built-up areas of towns and cities.

Woodchucks, porcupines, and red squirrels may be hunted year round.


Birds and Ducks: Partridge (ruffed grouse) and woodcock are the principal upland gamebirds in Maine. There are few pheasants anywhere in the state and there is a very limited spring season for wild turkey in York County based on a permit system.

Grouse-hunting methods differ considerably between the northern and southern areas. The traditional method, shooting over a dog, is most commonly used in the south. By contrast, most par-

tridge taken in the north are found by hunters walking the woods roads. Most drive along these roads until birds are spotted, then get out of their vehicle, load up, and hunt the area on foot. State law (and common sense) rule against carrying a loaded gun in a vehicle, and it is *always* illegal to actually hunt from a vehicle or from a paved road. Sunday hunting is also forbidden in Maine.

Woodcock are migratory, and thus come under both federal and state jurisdiction. The federal government has set a daily limit of three birds in Maine with the season normally running from October 1 into mid-November.

Duck hunting seasons are also based on federal and state regulations. The special rulebook pertaining to species and seasons is issued in September. A state duck stamp *and* a federal one, in addition to the regular state hunting license, are required.

While the black duck situation appears to have stabilized, it remains very critical in the northeast, so hunting for this popular duck is strictly limited. Wood duck have taken on some of the pressure that used to be on the black duck, but there is now concern that the woodies may be taking a beating. Many hunters are thus turning away from marsh ducks and concentrating instead on Canada geese and sea ducks, both of which are in good supply. 

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Combination Hunting and Fishing (10 and older)	172.00
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- Applicants for adult hunting license must show either a previous adult hunting license or proof of completion of an approved hunter safety course.
- A small game license allows the hunting of all species except deer, bear, turkey, moose, raccoon, and bobcat.
- A hunting license **and** a special permit are required during early bear season; federal and state stamps are required for waterfowl hunting; hunting of antlerless deer, moose and wild turkey also requires special permits.
- Alien means a person who is not a citizen of the United States. Non-Resident means a person who does not fall within the definition of resident. Resident means a citizen of the U.S. who has been domiciled in this State continuously during the 3 months next prior to the date on which he applies for any license, or an alien who has been so domiciled for one year. No person may be considered a resident if he has not: a) (if registered to vote), registered in Maine; b) (if licensed to drive a motor vehicle), made application for a Maine motor vehicle license; c) (if owning a motor vehicle or vehicles located within the State), registered each such vehicle in Maine; d) complied with the State income tax laws; and e) (if a fulltime student at a Maine college or university), resided in Maine continuously for 3 months and satisfied above requirements. For more information regarding resident hunting license provisions, or complimentary licenses, consult the current Maine Hunting and Trapping Regulations Summary.
- Supersport license is a combination fishing and hunting license which allows one to make an additional voluntary contribution toward the management of fish and wildlife in Maine.



Biggest Bucks in Maine 1993



Name	Address	Date Killed	Where Killed	Firearm	Dressed Weight	Live Weight
Richard Jolin	Gorham, NH	11/20/93	Magalloway	.308	297	356
Samuel Chute	Casco, ME	10/30/93	Casco	12 gauge	275	330
Fred Maynard	Washburn, ME	11/22/93	Wade	.308	270	324
Paul A. Bagalio, Jr.	Montpelier, VT	11/10/93	T7R14	.30-06	269	323
Lowell H. Osgood	Springfield, ME	11/3/93	Prentiss	.30-30	267	320
Dale Crafts	Lisbon Falls, ME	11/11/93	T6R17	.30-06	265	318
Charles Currier III	Presque Isle, ME	11/6/93	Mapleton	.270 Win.	265	318
Clayton Hill	St. Francis, ME	11/3/93	T18R10	.300 Win.	265	318
Ken Normandie	Southwick, MA	11/1/93	St. Albans	.30-06	264	317
John H. Plummer	Harrison, ME	11/3/93	Seboomook Twp.	.30-06	264	317
Richard Duffy	Waterbury Ctr., VT	11/6/93	T5R16	.30-06	261	313
Kenneth C. Smith	Bucksport, ME	11/25/93	Perham	.308 Win.	260	312
Joseph A. Vaillancourt, Jr.	Bath, ME	11/5/93	Danforth	.30-06	259	311
Aaron Hutton	Cornish, ME	10/30/93	Hiram	.30-30	257.5	309
Galen Dalrymple	W. Farmington, ME	10/30/93	Temple	.30-06	257	308
Daniel MacDonald	Gray, ME	11/2/93	Island Falls	.30-06	257	308
Michael Otis	Fairfield, ME	11/24/93	Fairfield	.270	257	308
Dean Brown	Lewiston, ME	10/30/93	Bethel	.30-06	256	307
Travis Gilmore	Kingfield, ME	11/5/93	Kingfield	.30-06	256	307
Martin Bare	Royersford, PA	11/18/93	Portage	.30-06	254	304
Mark Carrie	Gorham, ME	11/13/93	Coplin Plt.	.30-30	253	304
Philip Cummings	Gloucester, MA	11/17/93	Rockwood	.340 Weatherby	252	302
Robert Magne	Montpelier, VT	11/22/93	T4R3 BKP WKR	.30-06	252	302
Laurentino Dono	St. Jean, Quebec	11/6/93	Rockwood	.375 Win	251	301
Richard B. Cluff, Jr.	Sanford, ME	11/3/93	T8R8 Oxbow	.445 Rev.	250	300
Jeffrey M. Doherty	East Bridgewater, MA	11/5/93	Kingfield	.30-06	250	300
David S. Keene	Gorham, ME	11/13/93	Lexington	.30-06	250	300
Donald Laskarzewski	Cromwell, CT	11/2/93	T10R14	.300 mag.	250	300
James W. Pockock, Jr.	Sherman Mills, ME	11/18/93	T7R7	7mm Rem. Mag.	250	300
Cory Pomeroy	Fairfield, ME	11/2/93	Unity	.264 Win. Mag.	250	300
Michael Savage	Stratton, ME	11/2/93	Dead River Twp.	.35 Whalen	250	300
David A. Cobb	Machias, ME	10/30/93	Whitneyville	.30-06	248	297
Johnathan Downing	Wilton, ME	11/26/93	Coplin Plt.	.444 Marlin	248	297
Russell Kelley	Naples, ME	11/1/93	Naples	.270 Rem.	248	297
Joe Coloutti	Rutland, VT	11/2/93	T13R5	7/57	247	296
David Holton	Wolcott, VT	11/5/93	Brighton	.30-06	247	296
Maurice McCullough	Chelsea, VT	11/5/93	Magalloway	.280 Rem.	246	295
Charles Cote	Billerica, MA	11/12/93	Dead River Twp.	.30-06	245	294
Emeral Houghton	Carthage, ME	11/22/93	Carthage	.30-06	245	294
Joe MacAllister	Weare, NH	11/2/93	—	.35 Remington	245	294
Albert P. Manzi, Jr.	No. Andover, MA	11/10/93	Drew Plt.	.308 Win.	245	294
Brian Spiller	Mechanic Falls, ME	11/1/93	Solon	.30-06	245	294
Harold R. Westcom	East Fairfield, VT	11/4/93	T5R18 WELS	.35 Whelen	245	294
Glenn Olcott, Jr.	Lyndonville, VT	11/5/93	Clayton Lake	.30-06	244	293
Felecia A. Glidden	Patten, ME	11/6/93	Patten	.270	243	292
Keith J. Dayon	Mexico, ME	11/12/93	Dallas Plt.	.308	242	290
Blaise Plourde	Fort Kent, ME	10/30/93	Allagash	.308	242	290
Scott D. Baumann	Newton, NJ	11/12/93	Parmachenee	.257 Roberts	241	289
Richard W. Dow	Turner, ME	11/13/93	Lily Bay Twp.	.30-06	241	289
Brian Goff	Wrightstown, NJ	11/3/93	Bradstreet	.300 Weatherby	241	289
Dover L. Alderman	Couer d'Alene, ID	11/2/93	West Forks	.308 Win.	240.5	289
Paul Bolduc	Rumford, ME	11/16/93	Tim Pond Twp.	.30-06	240.5	289

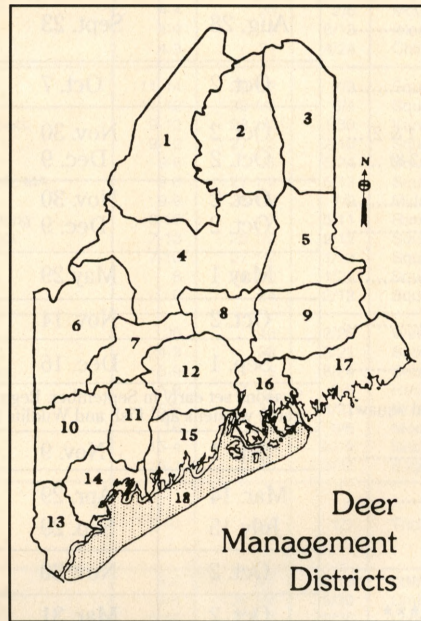
This list was compiled from Biggest Bucks in Maine membership cards (699 in 1993). Membership requires a 200-pound deer (dressed weight, without heart and liver); \$3 application fee. The club is maintained by The Maine Sportsman, PO Box 910, Yarmouth ME 04096-0910. Live weight (*estimates*) = dressed weight + 20 percent.

Deer Harvest Highlights

Maine's Any-Deer permit system entered its eighth year during 1993. Designed to control deer population growth by regulating the firearm harvest of antlerless deer, 44,905 Any-Deer permits were allocated to hunters in 17 of Maine's 18 Deer Management Districts (DMDs) to achieve pre-determined doe harvest quotas. Any-Deer permits are DMD-specific and could be used during the regular firearm and the special muzzle-loader seasons. Although antlered bucks (3" minimum antler length) were legal quarry for all deer hunters, only hunters who possessed a valid Any-Deer permit could kill a doe or fawn during these firearm seasons. Any-Deer permittees were drawn in a random computer lottery from among 93,480 resident and 15,800 nonresident (42 states and five Canadian provinces) applicants. On average, 85% of available Any-Deer permits were allocated to Maine residents. During the special Archery season, archers could hunt deer of either sex. As before, the bag limit on deer remained one deer per hunter per year, Sundays were closed to hunting, and the opening Saturday of the regular firearm season was restricted to Maine residents only.

Buck Harvest

Overall, 27,402 deer were registered during 1993, of which 682, 26,608 and 112 were taken during the archery, regular firearm, and muzzleloader seasons, respectively. The registered kill of antlered bucks (buck fawns excluded) totaled 16,737, which ranks 9th highest in buck harvest since we began record-keeping in this category in 1954. The top five buck-producing DMDs, based on total bucks registered per square mile, are DMDs 12, 11, 14, 7, and 13. Among the 16,737 bucks taken statewide, roughly 6,900 (41%) were yearlings sporting their first set of antlers. An additional 4,000 were 2 1/2 year-olds, 2,350 were 3 1/2 year-olds, and 3,500 (21%) were mature bucks ranging from 4 1/2 to 15 1/2 years old. Maine is nationally known for producing trophy bucks (4 1/2 and older). This is possible because, unlike the situation in many other states, Maine's bucks are subjected to relatively light hunting pressure. Consequently, a healthy num-



ber of bucks annually survives to the older (mature) age classes.

Within Maine, hunting pressure is higher in the southern DMDs and lower in the north. Age distribution among bucks reflects that pattern. In DMDs 13 and 14, only 10% of bucks survive to 4 1/2+ years of age, while in DMDs 1-6, as many as 30-35% of the bucks are in the mature age classes. However, deer are far less abundant in the north, making it more difficult for hunters to find deer. But when they do encounter deer, hunters in Maine's more remote northern DMDs more frequently encounter older bucks than do hunters in extreme southern Maine. Perhaps the best balance between hunting pressure and deer abundance occurs in Maine's central DMDs. There, abundant deer populations and moderate hunting pressure result in a respectable kill of trophy bucks each year.

Averaging the buck kill for the past five years, the five top-ranked DMDs, supporting the highest numerical harvest of mature bucks, were DMDs 12, 1, 4, 6 and 8. However, when trophy buck kill was ranked on a per square mile basis, the top five trophy buck districts were all located in Central Maine (DMDs 8, 7, 12, 11, and 15).

Winter Severity and Maine's Deer Herd

Since Maine is near the northernmost limit of the white-tailed deer's range, the severity and duration of winter weather exerts considerable influence on deer survival and abundance. Our white-tails are not well-adapted to moving about in deep snow, and their dietary needs cannot be met if they must subsist on poor-quality winter forages for more than 10-12 weeks. Periodically, a severe winter (or a series of them) causes high winter mortality and a population decline. Conversely, mild winters enhance deer survival and they enable the herd to increase.

MDIFW biologists annually monitor the severity of Maine's winters. From early December to late April, biologists (and some other cooperators) visit 25 deer wintering areas (DWAs) scattered across the state. In these DWAs, we measure the depth and crustiness of the snow, determine how deeply deer sink in that snow, and, at most of these DWAs, we continuously measure air temperature. These pieces of information are combined to form a numerical winter severity index (WSI). This index has been in use in Maine for 21 years; it has been of great value in our efforts to manage Maine's deer populations.

Monitoring snow and temperature conditions in deer wintering areas reflects the conditions deer must face while trying to find food, escape predators, and stay warm. Deer survival in winter is dependant on their mobility in snow. When snow becomes deeper than their knee-joints (8-12 inches), deer move into wintering areas. These wintering habitats generally consist of mature conifer forest whose evergreen canopy helps to intercept snow and wind. Winter forage usually is nearby in openings and hardwood forests. Wintering areas usually exhibit the shallowest snow depths available to local deer.

Maine Hunting Seasons

(Not a legal presentation. See hunting law booklet for full details.)

	First Day	Last Day	Basic Limits	
			Daily	Possession
Deer Firearms season.....	Oct. 30	Nov. 25	One Deer Per Year regardless of season or method. Only deer with antlers at least three inches long may be taken from Oct. 28-Dec. 2, except that any deer may be taken in designated deer management districts by hunters with any-deer permits. Permit application period: mid-June to Aug. 15 annually.	
Maine residents only day.....	Oct. 28			
Archery.....	Sept. 28	Oct. 27		
Muzzleloader.....	Nov. 27	Dec. 2		
Bear* General hunting seasons.....	Aug. 28	Nov. 25	One Bear Per Year	
Hunting with dogs.....	Sept. 11	Oct. 27		
Hunting with bait **.....	Aug. 28	Sept. 23		
Moose (by permit only).....	Oct. 2	Oct. 7	Permit application period: mid-Jan. to Apr. 30.	
Ruffed Grouse & Bobwhite Quail (Wildlife Management Units 1 & 2).....	Oct. 2	Nov. 30	4	8
(Wildlife Management Units 3-8).....	Oct. 2	Dec. 9		
Pheasant (Wildlife Management Units 1 & 2.....)	Oct. 2	Nov. 30	2	4
(Wildlife Management Units 3-8).....	Oct. 2	Dec. 9		
Wild Turkey (by permit only).....	May 1	May 29	Permit application period: mid-Dec. to Feb. 1.	
Woodcock	Oct. 2	Nov. 14	3	6
Common Snipe	Sept. 1	Dec. 16	8	16
Ducks, Geese, Sea Ducks (scoter, eider, old squaw)	Seasons set early in September. Regulations available mid-September from license agents, game wardens and Fish and Wildlife Department offices.			
Rails (and Gallinules)	Sept. 1	Nov. 9	25 (15)	25 (30)
Crow	Mar. 14	Apr. 29	-	-
	July 15	Sept. 29		
Gray Squirrel	Oct. 2	Nov. 30	4	8
Rabbit (cottontail) and Hare (snowshoe)***.....	Oct. 2	Mar. 31	4	8
Bobcat	Dec. 1	Jan. 31	-	-
Fox	Oct. 25	Feb. 28	-	-
Raccoon	Oct. 2	Dec. 30	-	-
Skunk, Opossum	Oct. 25	Dec. 30	-	-
Coyote, Woodchuck, Porcupine, Red Squirrel.	NO CLOSED SEASON FOR HUNTING			
Any species not listed above	NO OPEN SEASON FOR HUNTING			

*Bear permit required (resident, \$5; nonresident, \$15) in addition to hunting license between Aug. 28 and Oct. 27.

**Applies to so-called "set-bait" hunting from stand, blind, etc. overlooking bait or food; does not apply to hunting over standing crops, food left from normal agricultural operations, or from natural occurrence, which may be done at any time during the bear hunting season.

***Unlawful to hunt rabbits with dogs during any open firearms season on deer in Hancock, Knox, Lincoln, Sagadahoc, Waldo, and Washington counties.

Sunday Hunting: Illegal in Maine.

Hunter Orange: Two items of H.O. clothing must be worn while hunting with a firearm during any firearms season on deer. See law booklet for details.

Legal Hunting Hours: Animals, 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset except during any firearms season on deer, when hunting closes at sunset for all species except raccoon. **Birds:** 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset. See law booklet for details on night hunting for coyotes.

Licenses: Hunting license is required. Archery license allows hunting with bow and arrow only during any open season on that species; it is **required** to hunt **any species** of animal or bird with bow and arrow **during special archery season on deer.** Special license-stamp required to hunt during muzzleloader season on deer.

Stamps: State and federal duck stamps required for waterfowl hunters age 16 and over. Pheasant stamp required in York and Cumberland counties.

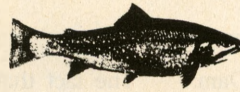
Please be sure to confirm laws and limits before you go hunting.

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The One That Didn't Get Away Club



1994



Outstanding freshwater fish caught in Maine last year and entered in The One That Didn't Get Away Club, run by The Maine Sportsman, PO Box 910, Yarmouth, ME 04096-0910. Entries must be certified by a game warden or fisheries biologist of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

The Fish	The Angler	Lbs. Oz.	Length (In.)	Date	Where Caught	Lure
Brook Trout (Qualifying Weight 4 pounds) 13 entries in 1994	Robert C. Cayford, Augusta	6-4	20 1/2	1/3	Togus Pond, Augusta	live smelt
	Arline Popsham, East Corinth	6-4	22	8/2	Chamberlain Lake, T6R12	sewed bait
	Tony Morrisette, Augusta	5-8	21 1/2	5/21	China Lake	Rapala
	David McCaslin, Pittsfield	4-14	19	1/13	China Lake	crawler
	Cory Pomeroy, Fairfield	4-12	20 1/4	1/1	McGrath Pond, Belgrade	live shiner
	Ralph Hornick, Caribou	4-11	18 1/4	6/8	Little Madawaska Stream	crawlers, Silver Spinner
	Maurine Dubard, Augusta	4-8	20	6/4	Cupsuptic Lake	frozen smelt
	Charles M. Pomeroy, Fairfield	4-7	19 1/2	1/1	McGraw Pond, Belgrade	live bait-shiner
	Kenneth Cutler, Fairfield	4-6	20	5/18	Rangeley Lake	"Ken-Do"
	John A. Roode, Skowhegan	4-5	20	5/25	Rangeley Lake	Black Ghost Streamer
	Randy Payne, Oakland	4-4	20	2/6	McGrath Pond	live bait
	David M. Ring, South Paris	4-4	17	6/13	Island Pond, Rockwood	Mansfield
	David L. Marshall	4-3	21	4/24	China Lake	sewed smelt
Brown Trout (Qualifying Weight 6 pounds) 12 entries in 1994	Bruce W. Hilton, Kenn.	11-14	29 1/2	7/3	Square Pond	—
	Brad Lodge, Lyman	11-12	30 1/2	6/4	Square Pond, Acton	live bait
	Richard Doucette, North Berwick	9-12	28 1/2	1/30	Kennebunk Pond	shiner
	Gary Nichols, Sanford	9-12	27 1/2	2/10	Square Pond, Acton	live bait
	Dennis M. Grenier, Sanford	9-8	26	5/24	Square Pond, Acton	shiner
	Steven McNamara, Westwood, MA	9-8	27 1/2	5/13	Square Pond, Acton	shiner on Slip Rig
	Robin Ray Lilley, Windham	9-6	28 1/2	7/9	Middle Range Pond, Poland	Red Grey Ghost
	Robert Fountaine, Poland Spring	8-10	27	5/11	Range Pond	Red Ghost Streamer
	Shane Michaud, North Berwick	7-13	25 1/2	2/12	Square Pond	live bait
	Frank Clark, Sanford	7-10	27 1/2	1/13	Square	live bait
	Martin Hawker, Springvale	6	24 1/2	1/21	Square Pond, Shapleigh	live bait
	Dale Mrazik, Acton	6	24	2/12	Square Pond, Shapleigh	live bait
Lake Trout (Qualifying Weight 15 pounds) 8 entries in 1994	Jennifer Lyons, Woodland	26	40	2/26	West Grand Lake	J P leadfish
	Fred Reny, Jr., Westbrook	24-3	39	5/21	Sebago Lake	Flatfish
	Albert Gregoire, North Berwick	16-9	35	8/24	Sebago Lake	Flatfish
	Ronald Vainio, Guilford	16-8	37 1/2	2/5	Hebron	live bait-shiner
	Bob Auclair, Greenville	16-5	34	4/27	First Roach Pond, Kokadj	sucker
	Garrett Agrell, Melford	16	35.5	6/6	Moosehead Lake	sewed smelt
	David Ober, Rockport	15-4	36	6/19	Sebago Lake	Flatfish
Andre Cyr, Fort Kent	15-1	33	5/30	Eagle Lake	Sutton	
Splake (Qualifying Weight 4 pounds) 1 entry in 1994	Neil Marquis, Brunswick	7-12	24	1/1	Trickey Pond, Naples	smelt
Landlocked Salmon (Qualifying Weight 6 pounds) 6 entries in 1994	John Thornton, Augusta	8-8	29	5/13	Lower Narrows, Winthrop	Rapala, Shad, Shallow Runner
	Roger Kolterman, Falmouth	8-6	25 1/2	5/30	Umbagog Lake, Upton	smelt
	Lawrence Cyr, Van Buren	7-10	?	2/20	Long Lake, T17, R3 WELS	—
	Tim Mowatt, Windham	7-9	26 1/4	6/26	Thompson Lake, Casco	Mooselook Wobbler
	Stephen T. Bell, Hollis	6-05	26	3/7	Kezar Lake, North Lovell	live bait-shiner
	John B. MacKay, So. Weymouth, MA	6	24	4/29	Nicatous Lake	smelt
Smallmouth Bass (Qualifying Weight 5 pounds) 5 entries in 1994	Brock Nazier Clukey, Sangerville	5-5	22	6/2	Sebec Lake, Dover Foxcroft	Tender Tube (brown)
	John B. MacKay, So. Weymouth, MA	5-4	22 1/2	5/11	Nicatous Lake	Mepps #2 Gold Spinner
	Robert Reynolds, Yarmouth	5-3	—	8/27	Upper Range Pond	live bait
	Ryan Libby, North Turner	5-2	21	6/5	Little Bear Pond, Hartford	Northern Wobbler
	Robert Foisy, Sanford	5-2	22	9/24	Middle Range Pond, Poland	live bait-shiner
Largemouth Bass (Qualifying Weight 7 pounds) 6 entries in 1994	Scott M. Sheltra, Kennebunk	8-6	24	1/1	—	live bait
	Michael Gallagher, Litchfield	8-3	23	6/1	Tacoma Lakes, Litchfield	crawler
	Ted Sperdakos, Gray	7-9	22 1/2	6/7	Little Sebago	Tender Tube
	Kenneth Wills, Wiscasset	7-6	23 1/4	1/22	Nequasset Lake, Woolwich	live shiner
	Theodore A. Breece, Shapleigh	7-4	22 3/4	7/22	Mousam Lake, Shapleigh	Jitter Bug
	Edward S. Boyd, Jr., Chelmsford, MA	7-3	22	8/16	Sand Pond	live shiner
White Perch (Qualifying Weight 1 1/2 pounds) 2 entries in 1994	Shane Palmer, Oakland	1-9	14 1/2	2/20	Great Pond	smelt
	Jeff Taylor, Oakland	1-8	14	2/13	McGrath Pond, Oakland	live smelt
Pickereel (Qualifying Weight 4 pounds) 6 entries in 1994	Gordon "Butch" Gower, Pittsfield	4-8	26	2/22	Great Moose Lake, Hartland	live shiner
	David G. Savage, West Buxton	4-7	27	1/1	Bonney Eagle Pond	minnow
	Roger Costello, Jay	4-4	25	3/5	Spednic Lake, Forest City	live bait
	John Fisher, Waterville	4-2	25 1/2	2/6	Messalonskee Lake, Oakland	minnow
	Matt Berry, Camden	4-1	24 3/4	2/26	Branch Lake, Ellsworth	—
	John S. Miller, Windham	4-09	26 1/4	2/19	Ingalls Pond, Bridgton	medium shiner
Northern Pike (Qualifying Weight 15 pounds) 3 entries in 1994	Tyler Shorty, Oakland	18-12	43	2/13	Great Pond, Belgrade	bait
	Bruce W. Fales, West Rockport	16-12	38	2/20	North Pond, Belgrade Lakes	shiner
	Jeffrey Brawn, Camden	15-8	39	3/27	North Pond, Smithfield	live bait-large shiner
Black Crappie (Qualifying Weight 2 pounds) 1 entry in 1994	Jim Tardiff, Lakeville, MA	3	16 1/4	7/18	Songo River	Mepps Spinner

Maine's Fishing Waters

1 The Fish River Region

(Salmon and trout)

This is an outstanding region not only in Maine but in the entire country.

Salmon grow to remarkable size in this area and are taken not only in the lakes but also in the connecting thoroughfares. Trout also are both large and numerous throughout the region. Several of the lakes also contain togue.

The lakes in the Fish River chain proper are Long Lake, Mud Lake, Cross Lake, Square Lake, Eagle Lake, Fish River Lake, St. Froid Lake and Portage Lake.

Extending down almost into the Moosehead region are countless lakes, ponds, rivers and streams that afford fishing that surpasses the fondest dreams of the angler.

In August there is good stream fishing along the Fish River from Eagle Lake to Fort Kent. Both the Aroostook and Machias rivers offer good stream fishing for trout. Situated far to the north, fish strike well longer in the season than is the case further south. Fall fishing begins earlier for the same climatic reason. Greater numbers of sportsmen are visiting this region each year as word of the good fishing is becoming generally known.

Roads to this region are excellent. Accommodations are comparable to the best in the state. (For location see section 1 of fishing map.)

2 The Allagash Region

(Trout, togue and salmon)

This is a region beloved by many anglers as it entails canoe trips into the wildland region. It taps the Allagash, St. John and East and West Branch of the Penobscot, waters all known as canoeing waters *par excellence* throughout the world.

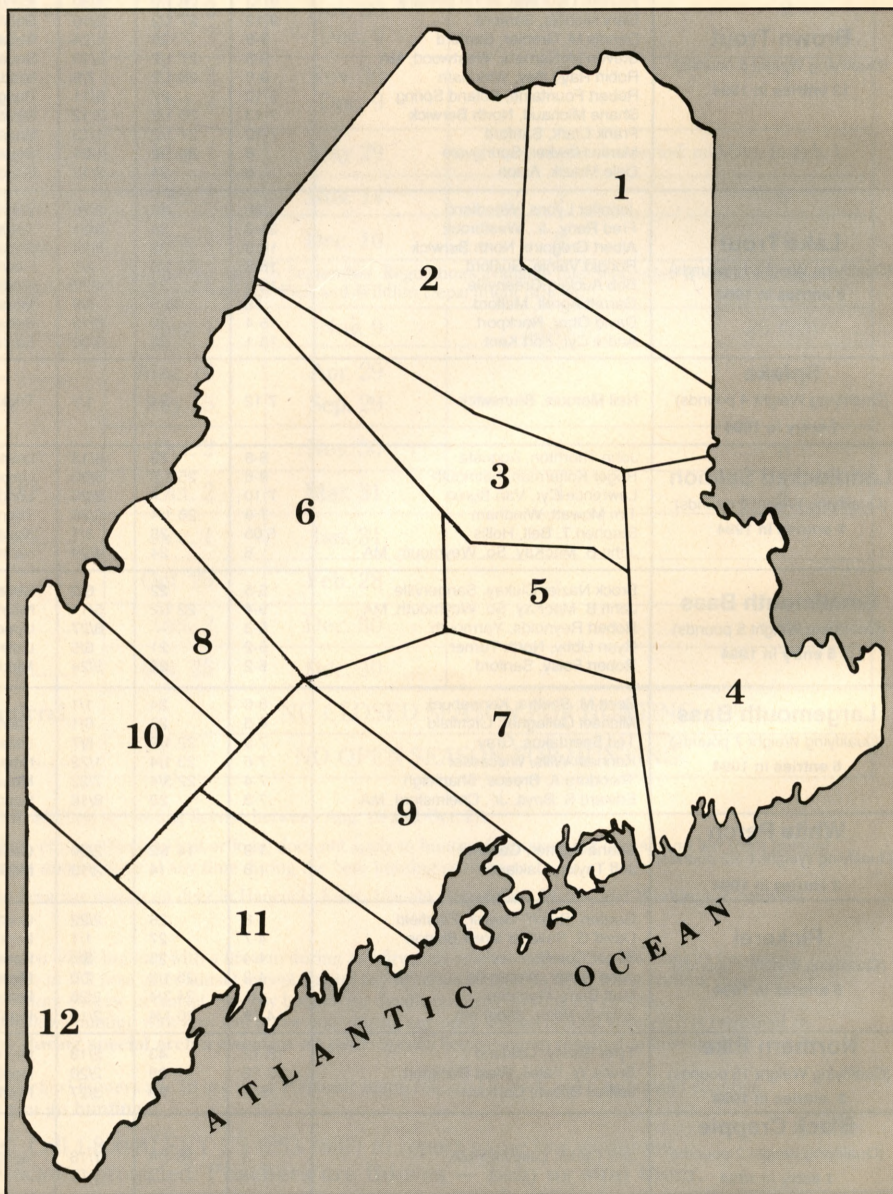
Angling opportunities in this region are virtually without number. Passing through this region, the angler fishes a number of different waters each day and so is continually visiting new scenes and meeting new conditions.

Some of the better known fishing spots in the region are at Canada Falls Deadwater on the West Branch; along

the West Branch from Seboomook Dam to Pine Stream near Chesuncook Lake; in the streams leading into Allagash Lake, Eagle Lake, Chamberlain Lake, Churchill Lake, Umsaskis Lake, Chemquasabamticook (Ross) Lake and Long Lake.

There are literally hundreds of streams flowing in to the fifty-mile stretch of the Allagash from Long Pond to its mouth, and also along the seventy miles of the St. John from the mouth of the Northwest Branch to the point where it joins the Allagash. Virtually all of these streams furnish as good stream fishing as can be found in the entire country.

The fact that this territory is more remote than any area in the eastern United States calls for special planning before visiting it. You may want to think seriously about hiring a guide. At the very least, you must plan on bringing with you all the supplies you will need during your stay there. There are a few sporting camps in the region, or tenting out may be done at authorized campsites within the Allagash Wilderness Waterway or under the jurisdiction of the North Maine Woods, an organization of paper companies and other landowners, headquartered in Ashland. (For location, see section 2 of fishing map.)





3 Mount Katahdin Region

(Trout and salmon)

This magnificent region, dominated by Mount Katahdin, a wilderness peak a mile high, is one of the most ruggedly beautiful areas in the entire country.

In the region are some of the best trout waters in the United States. They are divided between larger waters that are easily reached and smaller ones that are out of the way and have a charm of their own.

A great part of this region is a state park given to Maine in 1930 by former Governor Percival Baxter, to be maintained forever in its natural state as a rendezvous for anglers and other outdoor lovers.

The following are some of the larger waters in the area: Chesuncook Lake, Sourdnhunk Lake and Streams, Kidney Pond, Daicy Pond, Millinocket Lake, Shin Pond, Togue Pond, and Katahdin Lake.

Central points in this area are easily reached over good roads. Available

accommodations include several sporting camps and campgrounds in and around Baxter State Park. (For location see section 3 of fishing map.)

4 Grand Lakes and Schoodic Region

(Salmon, trout, togue, smallmouth bass, pickerel, white perch)

A sporting kingdom in itself, this region defies description in anything short of an entire volume. It covers Washington County.

It is a region that somewhat resembles the Moosehead Region, inasmuch as part of it is easily accessible while a still greater part is composed of wild lands that are a network of lakes, ponds, rivers, streams and brooks. Much of this territory is not fished extensively as yet, although fishing throughout the region is truly magnificent. The angler who wishes to "discover" new waters will find this area to his or her liking.

West Grand Lake is one of the original homes of the landlocked salmon and

still offers good fishing for this species, as well as for smallmouthed bass and togue. Big Lake, the lake it empties into, is one of the best smallmouthed black bass waters in the world.

Among other waters in the area are Junior Lake, Sysladobsis, East and West Musquash Lakes, and a host of brooks and streams, including Grand Lake Stream located in the village of the same name.

A little to the south are the Meddybemps, Cathance Lake, Rocky Pond and numerous other lakes, ponds, brooks, rivers and streams. To the west are Nicatous Lake and the Machias Lakes. To the north, Spednic Lake, in the Schoodic Chain, is a 23-mile-long body of water that is rated as one of the best bass lakes in existence. Eastern Grand Lake, almost as long, is famed for its splendid salmon and togue fishing. Other waters in the locality afford the most excellent fishing.

It will be repeated that the vastness of this region defies adequate description in an article of this type. Only by visiting the area can the sportsman get an idea

of its desirability and the excellent fishing it offers.

Fine hard-surfaced roads lead to this region. Accommodations are of the usual fine type found in Maine and plentifully distributed. (For location see section 4 of fishing map.)

5 Milo-Enfield-Lincoln Region

(Salmon, trout, bass)

This region lies between the Moosehead region and the Grand Lake region.

Near Enfield, the angler will find Cold Stream Pond, one of the state's most beautiful bodies of water, and an excellent salmon and togue fishing center. A little over twenty miles away is Lake Nictaus, a fine salmon and bass lake. This region is dotted with numerous smaller ponds as well as many excellent streams.

From Milo, the angler is just a few miles from Schoodic Lake (a famed togue lake), Sebouis Lake, Endless Lake and other lakes and streams that afford very good trout fishing.

Good accommodations are available in the region; roads also are good. Guides are available throughout the region. (For location see section 5 of fishing map.)

6 Moosehead-Jackman Region

(Salmon, trout and togue)

One must deal in superlatives in describing this region. Moosehead Lake, for example, is not only the largest lake in Maine but one of the largest bodies of fresh water wholly within one state in the country. It is forty miles long and twenty wide.

The whole region occupies almost as much territory as the entire state of Massachusetts. It is almost entirely salmon, trout and togue country.

Some of the more familiar waters in the far-flung area are: Brassua Lake, Long Pond, Big Wood Pond, Attean, Holeb Pond, Misery Pond, Moxie Pond, Lake Parlin, Lobster Lake, Ragged Lake, the Roach ponds, Lake Onawa, Sebec Lake, Indian Pond, Jo-Mary Lake, Sebouis Lake, and Sebesticook Lake. In addition, it contains hundreds of brooks, streams, and rivers including the Moose River and headwaters of the Kennebec and Penobscot rivers.

Excellent roads lead to the central



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points in this region and numerous accommodations are located in the area. (For location see section 6 of fishing map.)

7 Bangor Region

(Salmon, brook trout, brown trout, togue, bass, pickerel)

On U.S. Route 1, between Bangor and Ellsworth, 28 miles away, are Phillips Lake, also known as Lucerne-in-Maine, Greene Lake, Branch Pond and Graham Lake. Grouped together, they afford excellent fishing for salmon, togue,

brook trout, brown trout and pickerel.

Thirty miles from Ellsworth is Tunk Lake, and several other fine fishing waters. On Route 9 from Bangor are Chemo Pond, Floods Pond, Beech Hill Pond, Molasses Pond, Webb Pond and numerous other smaller bodies of water affording excellent fishing for salmon, trout and bass.

On Route 15 from Bangor, in the vicinity of Bucksport, 18 miles away, is another group of excellent lakes including Toddy Pond and Lake Alamoosook, which afford excellent salmon, togue and trout fishing.

Finally, visitors to Mt. Desert Island

and Acadia National Park—noted for their spectacular sea and mountain scenery—will find good fishing for the common game fish species in the island's 20-odd lakes and ponds.

In fishing this region, the sportsman can obtain excellent accommodations at the various lakes or in the small towns and cities in the vicinity. (For location see section 7 of fishing map.)

8 Dead River Region

(Trout and salmon)

Lying in the northwest corner of the state, on the historical line of the march of Benedict Arnold to Quebec, is to be found a perfect network of lakes and ponds joined together by numerous brooks and streams.

The altitude of many of these ponds is well over 1,500 feet above sea level and, as they are spring fed, the water is so cold that trout strike eagerly throughout the entire season. This is one of many reasons why the region is favored by hundreds of anglers each season.

Included among the larger and better known lakes and ponds are Tim Pond, Chain of Ponds, Rowe Pond, Carry Pond, King and Bartlett Pond, and Flagstaff Lake.

The area is reached over excellent roads. The angler or summer visitor will find accommodations in the area. (For location see section 8 of fishing map.)

9 Belgrade Lakes Region

(Black bass, salmon, trout, white perch)

This is one of the more compact areas in Maine. By that it is meant that the various lakes in the region are comparatively close to one another, making it extremely easy for the angler to go from one to the other.

In the Belgrade Chain are six lakes: North, East, Great, Long, Salmon and Messalonskee.

For many years the Belgrade region has been noted for its extremely fine black bass fishing, both smallmouth and largemouth bass. Belgrade Stream, for example, produces many two to five-pound bass and some heavier.

Some of the most beautiful brook trout caught anywhere are taken occasionally in the Belgrades, and the world's record white perch was caught in Messalonskee Lake in 1949. A new addition to these waters through an unauthorized stocking is the northern

pike, which are growing to a large size. There are salmon and other desirable game fish, too. The region is easy to reach and accommodations are available. (For location, see section 9 of fishing map.)

10 Rangeley Region

(Salmon and trout)

This region is as vast and as desirable as it is beautiful. It is the home of unforgettable trout and salmon fishing in sparkling lakes surrounded by forest-clad mountains; a place of such extraordinary beauty that the angler does well to attend to his fishing.

Years ago this region was noted strictly for its excellent trout fishing. Later, salmon were introduced to many waters so that now it affords fishing for both popular species.

A few of the waters in the region are Rangeley Lake, Cupsuptic Lake, Quimby Pond, Dodge Pond, Big and Little Kennebago Stream, Loon Lake, Richardson Lake, Mooselookmeguntic and Azischohos. In addition, there are literally scores of other lakes, ponds and streams in the area.

The average elevation of this region is 1,200 feet above sea level.

Good roads lead to the center of this region at Rangeley village. Accommodations are numerous. (For location see section 10 of fishing map.)

11 Kennebec Lakes Region

(Bass, salmon, trout, white perch)

This is an interesting region that furnishes excellent bass fishing and, in the spring, good salmon and trout fishing.

In the center of the region lie Cobbosseecontee and Maranacook lakes, among Maine's best largemouth bass waters. Nearby, near Wayne, are Androscoggin and Pocasset lakes. A long chain of smaller lakes affording very fine bass fishing extends through the towns of Readfield, Fayette and Mount Vernon.

East of the Kennebec, but still a part of this general region, is a series of good fishing waters extending down to the coast. Some of these waters, well-known to the angler, are Webber Pond, Three Mile Pond, China Lake, Sheepscot Pond, Damariscotta Lake, Biscay Pond, St. Georges Pond, Megunticook Lake and Pemaquid Pond. These offer a variety of bass, trout, salmon, and togue

fishing. Excellent roads and a variety of campgrounds and motels dot this area. (For location see section 11 of fishing map.)

12 Sebago Lake, Long Lake and Oxford County Region

(Salmon, trout, smallmouth bass, white perch)

Sebago Lake, the second largest lake in Maine, is the central point for this region that encompasses a great part of southern Maine.

Sebago is one of the best known lakes on the North American continent. It is one of the original habitats of the land-locked salmon. It is the first major body of water to free itself of ice in the spring and, as a consequence, the Maine fishing season starts here each year on the first of April. Thousands of anglers throughout the country await the word that Sebago is open, thus heralding a new fishing season.

Salmon fishing at Sebago is truly excellent during the entire spring and again in the fall. During the summer fine bass fishing is to be had. Sebago also now offers good togue fishing, thanks to a recent introduction of this deep-dwelling species by the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Department.

What is true of Sebago is, in general, true of the many other bodies of water that make up the region. Each holds the affections of hundreds of anglers.

To the north, connected to Sebago by the beautiful Songo River, is Long Lake. In the same region are Brandy Pond, Highland Lake, Woods Pond, Crystal Lake, Thomas Pond, Lake Pennesseewassee and Moose Pond.

A few miles to the west of Sebago are Peabody Pond and Hancock Pond. Towards the east are Panther Pond and Little Sebago.

Towards the northwest is beautiful Lake Kezar, a rare jewel of a lake, nestled in the foothills of the White Mountains.

South of Sebago, in York County, lie Bunganut, Crystal, Mousam, Kennebunk, and other lakes that have a wide following among visitors to the state.

This whole region also has a network of brooks and streams that furnish good fishing. Good roads lead from one lake to another in this region which also is characterized by a wealth of accommodations for the sportsman and vacationer. (For location see section 12 of fishing map.)



Wetting a Line in Maine

Blessed with a wealth of lakes, ponds, streams, and rivers of high quality and productivity, Maine offers a myriad of angling opportunities for fishermen of all skills. The key to successful fishing here is the same as it would be anywhere—a basic knowledge of when, where and how to go after the species in question. Of course, a generous dollop of that elusive fisherman's luck is needed as well.

The actions of fish, including their all-important desire to feed, are triggered by temperature and time of day. For example, you *could* catch a prize landlocked salmon near the surface of Moosehead Lake at noon on a calm, sunny day in August, but the chances of catching a trophy are many times greater if you are trolling a streamer fly on a windy, overcast morning in mid May. By contrast, the powerful small-mouth bass may be smashing surface plugs on eastern Maine's West Grand Lake on that same hot August day, but he'll be sulking in the depths during those chilly weeks when salmon are most active. In brief, not all fish act alike. Herewith, a general guide to Maine's species.

The state has basically two kinds of fish: those that survive best in waters that are cold all year, and those that prefer the warmer, often more shallow waters of the southern lakes. There is, of course, some overlap where warm-water and cold-water species intermingle, but generally there's a sharp division between the two. You will do best by fishing for one kind or the other. As a rule, you'll find warm-water lakes and their particular species in a band that reaches from the coast back about 100 miles. Both warm- and cold-water lakes are in the next 50-mile-wide band, while the northern half of the state has mainly cold-water lakes. The lakes that harbor both warm- and cold-water species will have the cold-water fish near their surface in spring and fall, and in the cold depths during summer. In the warm months, the warm-water species can be found in the shallows and medium depths. A note of interest: fall fishing for cold-water species is much more chancy than spring fishing.

A warm September means that the fish will stay in the depths throughout the month, and fishing for cold-water



species closes on September 30, with a few exceptions. Under a new change in the law, a large number of lakes are now open to fishing through November for species other than trout, salmon, togue, and bass. Check the rule books for specifics.

Fishing methods vary with the waters and the species, but a few time-tested methods include:

Trolling: Here the bait or lure is trailed behind a moving boat, sometimes on the surface, sometimes at great depth. An effective and simple rig, good when fish are near the surface, is an open-faced spinning reel loaded with eight- or 10-pound test line and a light fiberglass spinning rod of six to seven feet in length. A tiny swivel is tied to the line to prevent twist (some anglers also use a small plastic or aluminum rudder) and a streamer fly or small lure—gold, silver, or copper—is attached and trailed about 25 yards behind the boat. A similar setup, using a medium-weight fly rod and reel with level sinking line, 10- or 15-foot, eight-pound test leader, and a streamer fly or lure is equally adequate. These lightweight rigs are used for brook trout and salmon in spring and fall and for bass and pickerel in

summer. The light rods assure the most action from the fish.

Togue (lake trout), salmon, and brook trout are taken with deep gear in summer by fishermen using trolling rods, lead-core or wire lines, and flashing lures or live bait. Unfortunately, the extra weight needed to get the lure down to the proper depth may dampen the action of the hooked fish. An in-between rig that preserves that action and will take cold-water fish much of the season is a light trolling rod, equipped with an ordinary fly reel on which five colors of lead-core line are spooled. Used with a long (20 or 30 feet) leader and ample backing, this will take the lure down several feet. This setup works well on salmon and brook trout in summer and will often score on togue.

Casting: The casting of lures and bait is done with spin-cast, open-faced spinning, or conventional gear. Some anglers cast for trout and salmon along a shoreline in spring, but the method is more effective when small- and large-mouth bass are in the shallows, and for catching pickerel. Surface plugs, swimming lures, and live bait may be used on the "business end." An effective technique for early-season landlocked salmon is to use this gear to drift a live smelt over known hot-spots.

Fly Casting: This classic method for catching trout and salmon calls for a fair amount of skill, knowledge of fish habitat, and an ability to read the waters being fished.

Bobber Fishing: Similar to casting, this is one of the least expensive and simplest ways to catch many warm- and cold-water species. Needed is a rod, simple reel and line, a plastic or cork bobber, hooks, a few feet of monofilament leader, and perhaps a few lead sinkers. An angleworm or night crawler is threaded onto the hook, the bobber is attached to the line to hold the hook at the desired depth, and the cast is made. Once the bobber bobs, the rod is lifted to set the hook and the catch is reeled in. This rig has been known to bring in much sought-after trout, salmon, and bass as well as sunfish and perch.

Maine's Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife manages the fisheries in the state's seven regions. They are happy to supply information on where to find particular species within those

regions, and their excellent Lake Survey sheets detail the presence and amount of game fish in a lake, as well as bait fish types, water depths, and the location of boat ramps. A catalog of these surveys is available from the department at 284 State Street, Station #41, Augusta, ME 04333.

Following is a list of Maine's principal freshwater species, together with brief information on how, where, and when they can be caught. The letter in parentheses indicates how difficult each is to catch, but is only a guide; as any fisherman knows, sometimes you catch 'em, sometimes you don't: Easy (E), Difficult (D), and Hard (H).

Cold-Water Species

Brook Trout (D): Abundant in clean, cold brooks and streams, and growing to large sizes in some ponds and lakes (where they are called squaretails), brook trout are lovely fish. They have dark, wavy-green backs, red spots on their sides, white or silver bellies, and pink or reddish lower fins with white leading edges. The legal minimum size is six inches (longer in some water), most run between six and 12 inches long. A two and one-half pound brookie is a big fish, one over four pounds is considered a trophy. Wet and dry flies, tiny metal lures, and anglerworms are common baits, as are streamer flies with red and/or yellow (*Barnes Special*, *Miss Sharon*, and *Mickey Finn* streamers are good examples) that are used when trolling. Brookies are most abundant from the middle of the state north, and run to large sizes in the Rangeley lakes, Moosehead Lake, Pierce Pond, and the Roach River.

Brown Trout (H): Tougher to catch than brook or rainbow trout, browns are the choice for those experienced anglers seeking a challenge. Occasional to common in some of the colder lakes and streams (in the band extending 100 miles back from the coast), this fish runs a few inches longer than the brook trout. In lakes like Branch, Hancock, and Androscoggin, the brown trout can be pounds heavier than the average brookie. Smelt-like streamers—*Grey Ghost* and *Black Ghost*—copper or silver *Mooselook Wobblers*, and minnow lures such as the *Rebel* and the *Rapala* are effective.

Landlocked Salmon (D): This close relative to the Atlantic salmon runs smaller than its ocean brother, but is otherwise the same fish. It is common

in most of Maine's large lakes, but is notoriously unpredictable in its feeding habits. Taken mostly in spring by surface trollers using streamer flies like the *Grey Ghost*, *Nine-Three*, and *Supervisor*, lures like the *Super Dupe*, *Mooselook Wobbler*, or *Rapala*, or live smelts, landlocks are sleek silvery fish with black spots and a preference for jumping when hooked. Big fish are common in eastern Maine's East Grand Lake, the Fish River lakes in Aroostook County, Sebago Lake, the Rangeley lakes, and Grand Lake Stream. Legal minimum length is 14 inches, average weight is between one and three pounds. A fish of five pounds or more is a trophy.

Atlantic Salmon (H): One of the successful conservation stories of recent times is Maine's effort to resuscitate its Atlantic Salmon fishery. The prize exhibit in this program is the Penobscot River, once polluted and barren, but today one of the most prolific of salmon streams. Fishing on it was once confined to the famous Bangor Salmon Pool, but is now carried on successfully over several miles of the river. Elsewhere, Maine's traditional salmon rivers—the Dennys, Pleasant Machias and East Machias, Narraguagus, Ducktrap, and Sheepscot—produce fish each year. A special license is needed in addition to the regular state fishing license, and only fly fishing is allowed.

Togue (H): Known also as lake trout, this fish is usually brownish on the back with pale white spots on the sides and a silver or silvery yellow belly. Its sharply forked tail helps anglers differentiate between it and salmon and brown trout. Partial to deep water (though occasionally taken near the surface in spring), togue run larger than most Maine game fish—as large as 20 pounds. Successful togue fishermen are masters of deep trolling techniques, and use streamer flies, lures, and live bait like suckers and smelt. Common in deep, cold lakes (Tunk, East Grand, Moosehead, Chamberlain), togue are one of the most popular targets of ice fishermen. Minimum length is 18 inches, and three pounds is an average size.

Warm-Water Species

Smallmouth Bass (D): Maine is famous for its smallmouth waters, especially in lakes and ponds "Down East" in Washington County. The fish is common in hundreds of ponds in the southern part of the state, reaching its northern limit in Grand Lake Sebouis in northern Penobscot County. This hard

fighter is brownish or bronze backed with dark vertical bars on its sides and a yellowish belly. While it can be taken trolling streamers or lures, the smallmouth is best cast to with flies or lures. It spends much of its time in the shallows until midsummer, when warm temperatures drive it to cooler surroundings near rock piles. At night, bass often move into the shallows, however, and will strike surface lures after dark. The types of bass lures are legion, but those resembling minnows and frogs are reliable here.

Largemouth Bass (D): Now common in many southern lakes, the largemouth is best distinguished from its cousin by its upper lip (which extends behind the eye), its dark lateral line, and the greenish cast to its scales. Caught using the same methods and baits as the smallmouth, an average fish will run two to four pounds. Those seven pounds or larger are considered to be of trophy size. The Kennebec River, North Pond, and Cobbosseecontee and Winnegance lakes all produce big fish.

Pickereel (E): These long, lean battlers with the "alligator" mouths are common to most warm-water ponds, inhabiting the shallows nearly all year round. They are caught with live bait, bits of red cloth skittered across the lily pads, lures and artificial flies. Surface plugs used for bass (*Flatfish* and *Jitterbug*) are equally effective on pickereel. A smashing strike by a three-pounder on the placid surface of a pond is enough to give anyone the shakes. There are no length restrictions on pickereel, but the average fish is around one to two pounds.

White Perch (E): The world-record white perch came from Maine waters, and big humpies are common in scores of warm-waters lakes. A fish weighing over a pound is big, with trophy fish being two pounds or more. These little fish more than make up in scrap for what they lack in size, however. They will hit worms, flies, tiny jigs, little lures, and other small baits with abandon, especially if one finds a school of them. China Lake, Panther Pond, and other waters in central and southern Maine have some of the biggest specimens. There is no limit on white perch.

Yellow Perch and Sunfish (E): Anglerworms and tiny spinning lures are best for these plentiful fish. Scorned by many, but delicious in the pan, these fighting rascals offer the serious fisherman an excellent chance to practice on willing targets.

Bored in Winter — Try Ice Fishing

by Wilmot Robinson

Flag! Flag! Last trap!” yells one of the fishermen, and three figures dash for snowmobiles, not unlike Air Force pilots “scrambling” to intercept a foreign “blip” on the radar screen.

“Flag!” is a nearly universal signal in ice fishing circles that the tip-up has been tripped and a fish is running off with the bait. Need more explanation? Try this on for starters:

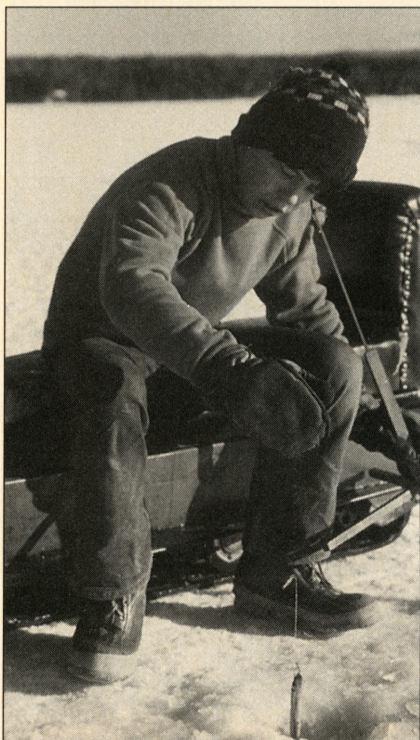
Ice fishing is one of the fastest growing winter sports in Maine. Sure, it sometimes means a cold day on the ice, but that’s just an excuse to build a fire and cook some “tube steaks” (hot dogs for the uninitiated).

One good reason for ice fishing’s gain in popularity is modern technology. Power ice-augers have replaced manually-powered ice chisels; fast, sleek snowmobiles have all but put snowshoes out of business; and the clothing of the ‘90s would appear like something from Mars to ice fishermen of old. All in all it has made for an appeal to all family members, instead of just the die-hard outdoor enthusiasts in the family.

I really enjoy ice fishing! My favorite day might find me up at 6 AM, and loading my equipment (old-timers called it “wangen”) into my pick-up truck by seven. Next I hook up my trailer, which contains my snowmobile and a tote sled.

Tote sled—now there’s a piece of equipment seen in various shapes and sizes on lakes open to ice fishing. Probably one of the most often seen folds into a flat sled, if need be. It’s a very useful feature, too, should a snowmobile break down and need to be towed by another machine. Most snowmobiles are equipped with a hitch for towing, and tote sleds are usually spacious enough to accommodate all the equipment necessary to enjoy a day’s outing. Design is limited only by the owner’s ingenuity. Some have elaborate, partitioned boxes for precise fit of the contents.

Our destination today is a large lake in northern Maine. Easily reached by traveling privately owned paper company roads also accessible to the public, this body of water offers a chance to



catch many species of fish, notably landlocked salmon, trout, togue, cusk, smelts, whitefish, white perch, yellow perch, and chubs. In defense of these last two species, I want to say right here that many people eat these so-called “trash fish” in winter months, considering them delectable and as tasty as any game fish.

Traveling paper company roads, which criss-cross much of the northern portion of the state, calls for constant alertness, as huge, oversize logging trucks may be encountered, especially on weekdays. The best advice I can offer is to give these trucks all the room you can, even pulling over to the shoulder and stopping, if necessary. I keep my C.B. radio tuned to Channel 19 to keep me aware of them, as drivers announce their locations frequently to alert other trucks. “Coming down!” is warning enough to me to move over and slow down.

Arrival at the lake, unloading sleds and tote sleds, stowing the gear into safe places doesn’t take long, and soon we’re getting into our warm (and surprisingly lightweight) snowmobile suits and helmets. The safari heads out

across the frozen lake, eager for a day of ice fishing. There are three of us on this day, and that means we’ll have fifteen holes drilled within half an hour of our arrival at our final destination, the mouth of a small brook that empties into the lake.

Since landlocked salmon are the predominant game species in this lake, we’ll be setting most bait at depths ranging from just below the ice to about ten feet down. Experience has proven this to be best for success at catching salmon. Togue, on the other hand, are most often taken near bottom. The same applies to cusk and white perch. Fishermen hand-lining for smelts may locate schools of these silvery-sided morsels at various levels. At one spot in eastern Maine, I have often taken smelts close to the shoreline in less than three feet of water.

“Jigging” is another way to fish for togue and whitefish. This method employs a short rod or homemade “jig stick,” some complete with reels and counters that keep the fisherman aware of what depth he is fishing. The terminal tackle might vary from a lure (leadfish, Swedish pimple, or daredevil) to a hook dressed with a generous piece of bait. Bait could be dead smelts or shiners, or even a chunk of cut-bait. Many successful jiggers claim a piece of cut-bait taken from suckers is best. The method of jigging is simply to lower the bait to bottom and then bring it up a few inches. By bouncing the lure up and down, bottom-feeding fish are attracted, and will hit with force. It does work, and most “wall-hangers” are taken using this method. While jigging is a proven way to catch fish, most fishermen set out “tip-ups,” too. These are also called “traps,” and vary in design from fancy molded plastic types with flags that revolve as the fish swims away with the bait, to the standard four-legged wooden kind that sports a high flag on a spring steel “whip.” Oldtimers may still prefer to cut a long, springy bush, setting it in such a way that cross-winds activate a piece of bough strung on a loop of line hanging from the end of the bush. A short length of running line is laid carefully on the ice near the hole,

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and these oldtimers will tell you this method keeps the bait moving and will result in more fish being caught. However, modern underwater traps are what most people use today.

Bait pails also vary in size and style. In past years when ice fishing was done at near-to-home flowages, mostly for pickerel, "mummy chub" was the bait. All one needed for carrying bait from home to pond was a wet woolen mitten or wool stocking. No bait pail with water slopping around in the packbasket. These chub were tough! Upon arriving at the pond, and after much time laboriously chiseling to open a hole in the ice, the fisherman would transfer the chub to a coffee can full of water from the pond. Never a casualty!

Back at our lake, the tip-ups are all in, a fire is burning near the shoreline and it's time for a coffee break. While this is a welcome moment for the coffee drinkers, breaking for coffee or lunch invariably seems to be the time when a flag will go up. It falls in the same category as stepping into a nice hot tub of bath water and having the phone ring!

We're now back to where we came into this story. "Flag! Flag! On the last set, way out!" I think we all saw the flag at the same time, and everyone yells. That's what it's all about—FLAGS! The blaze orange flag points skyward like a giant finger as three snowmobiles bear down upon it. The first thing to do is look down the hole to see if the reel spool is still turning. If it is, it means the fish is still running with the bait. A

game fish will often grab bait by the head and run with it, swallowing as he goes. Bait is usually hooked either just ahead of or just behind the dorsal fin. Most fishermen will agree that a fish will stop to finish swallowing the bait. Allow a few seconds for this and—now—give a slight tug to "set the hook." You'll soon know if you have a fish on, and if it's a big one you'll *really* know it! Once hooked, it's just a matter of pulling him in. Big fish will fight hard and must be "played" in. No horsing these babies! I have a 7 1/4 pound salmon mounted on a moose antler at my camp that I took one cold day in March, and I was twenty-five minutes landing him.

This time, the fish is finally iced, and measures 19 inches. We're on our way!

The cry of "Flag" is heard often on this day as salmon seem to be in a feeding frenzy. Some are sub-legal and are released by unsnapping the hook from the swivel at the end of the ten-foot leader. Biologists claim the hook will either work out or simply disintegrate, causing no problems for the fish. On the other hand, trying to get the hook out of the fish's mouth could cause it to die. I never cease to marvel at how fast a fish can turn over and head for the depths beneath an eight-inch hole through 18 inches of ice.

Lunch break at noon is, as usual, the busiest time, and repeated cries of "Flag" mean we're having a great day. When we tally up before leaving, we have five fat salmon, and one togue,

about 4 1/2 pounds. Not bad for amateurs! I'd call it a super day on the ice.

If you haven't tried ice fishing, you should! Maine has a long list of waters open to this sport, some with special regulations, so a law booklet is a must. At some lakes ice shacks may be rented, notably on tidal rivers where fishing for salt water smelts, mainly at night, is a fast-action sport. Each year finds more and more of Maine's sporting camps offering warm housekeeping cottages as headquarters for winter recreationists who enjoy a variety of winter sports. Rental sleds are available at some camps.

In a different vein, I know at least one outfitter who offers winter camping trips, using sled dogs for transportation. Guests get to drive their own dog teams, learning the art of "mushing."

It's been said that there are only two seasons in Maine, July and Winter! Well, winter isn't really all that long, but by getting involved in some of its outdoor activities, you might find yourself wishing it were.

Suggested ice fishing equipment:

- A Maine freshwater fishing license. (Write: Dept. of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife, Station #41, 284 State Street, Augusta, Maine 04333.)
- An auger or chisel (gas driven or manual)
- Traps or tip-ups (many to choose from)
- Bait (smelts, shiners, night crawlers)
- Bait pail (putting the bait in a plastic bag inside the bait pail may help keep it from upsetting)
- Axe or chainsaw (for fire building)
- Snowmobile, tote sled, snowshoes
- Warm clothing, especially footwear
- Extra mittens and socks (they do get wet at times)
- Matches, food, liquids
- Fry pan, wire broiler, tea pail
- Sunglasses (bright sun on white snow is tough on the eyes)

Certainly all of this equipment isn't always needed, but it's nice to have it along—just in case! There are mobile ice shanties on the market that can easily be towed to the fishing spot. Wind is one of Nature's forces that can be an ice fisherman's enemy. Wind chill factors must be considered! I carry some old drapery material which can quickly be converted into a makeshift windbreak, if necessary.

I'm sure you can supplement this list with personal items.

Have a nice day on the ice, and HIGH FLAGS to you!



Tom Carbone



Salt Water Fishing

by Barry Gibson

MAINE'S 3,478 miles of coastline offer some of the best salt-water fishing in the country. The rocky shoreline, interspersed with rivers and occasional beaches, combine with the rugged sea floor to provide perfect habitats for dozens of game and food species. The cold, clear water is arguably the cleanest in the U.S., and virtually all fish taken provide excellent table fare.

One of the reasons Maine's coastal angling is so productive is that fishing pressure is much lighter here than it is in many other states, mainly because you won't find many glamor species such as sailfish and marlin. Maine's best fishing, by and large, is for "meat and potatoes" varieties, although there are plenty of top-rated gamesters prowling the waters, many of record proportions.

Opportunities for visiting anglers can be broken down into three basic categories: deep-sea fishing on party or charter boats; inshore fishing on a private or rental boat; or fishing from shore. No license of any kind is needed to fish salt water.

Deep Sea Fishing

Modern, well-equipped party and charter boats can be found in almost all the major harbors along the coast. Party boats, or "head boats" as they're sometimes called, range from about 36 to 65 feet and can carry from 12 to 50 or more passengers. These vessels usually sail on a daily schedule (half- or full-day trips) from June to September, and most run additional weekend trips in spring and fall. In most cases all you need to do is call ahead and make a reservation, although sometimes you can simply show up a half-hour before sailing time and buy a ticket. All Maine skippers, however, suggest advance reservations (even if it's only a day or two ahead) so that you won't be disappointed. Weekends can be particularly busy.

The main target for party boats is the wide variety of bottom fish found anywhere from a mile or two from shore out to 20 miles or so. *Cod* are the most common catch, ranging from a few pounds to the occasional 70-pounder. Remember that cod must be at least 19" long to be legally kept but check with the captain as regulations may change.



Barry Gibson

Maine party boats like this offer anglers the opportunity to take home a cooler full of tasty cod, pollock, haddock, and cusk fillets.

Pollock are among the gamest of deep-sea species in Maine, and action can be fast and furious when a school is encountered. These sleek, silver-gray battlers normally run from three to 30 pounds when taken in the open ocean.

The *haddock*, which generally runs from two to 10 pounds, is the perennial party boat prize, primarily for its unsurpassed table qualities. They're easily identified by their single, dark lateral stripes and oversized eyes. Haddock must also be at least 19" long to be kept.

Other species commonly taken include the *cusk*, a muscular dweller of rocky bottoms weighing five to 20 pounds. Cusk makes an excellent ingredient for a good old-fashioned New England fish chowder. *Hake*, another tasty species, are occasionally taken in excess of 30 pounds. The *wolfish*, good eating despite its fierce appearance, is an incidental catch, as are *cunners*, *winter flounders*, a variety of *sculpins*, *mackerel*, and a dozen others. If you're really lucky you'll tie into a *halibut*, the ultimate deep-sea trophy. These huge members of the flounder clan can weigh upwards of 200 pounds.

Party boats furnish each customer with a rod and reel, bait or chrome-plated jig—and plenty of good advice. Deckhands will cheerfully instruct you as to how to use the tackle. You don't need to know how to fish, or to bring any equipment of your own, to enjoy a day of party boat fishing. Prices range from \$35 to \$50 and up per person for a full day, and \$30 or so for a half-day.

Charter boats are also available in

most harbors. These vessels are usually 20 to 40 feet in length, and they'll accommodate up to six people, sometimes more. All are run by fully licensed captains, and in many instances will have an extensive array of electronics and a wide selection of top-quality rods and reels, including light tackle outfits. Charter boats, besides going after all the bottom fish, also frequently pursue *giant tuna* (250 to 800-plus pounds), *sharks*, *bluefish* and *striped bass*. Many times the skipper will "mix up" the day for you, such as a morning of bottom or blue-fishing and an afternoon of tuna or shark fishing, assuring customers plenty of fillets to take home. Charter boats are perfect for small groups, families, or more serious anglers, simply because there are no crowds—it's "your" boat for the day.

Fishing Near Shore

Visiting anglers interested in fishing the near-shore waters for mackerel, flounder, bluefish or striped bass can rent a small outboard boat (in some areas) or trailer their own boat. Launch ramps are numerous, and local tackle stores and marinas can provide fuel, charts (a must), bait, and advice on where to try your luck.

Mackerel are extremely popular among small-boaters, and can be caught from early June through September on tiny chrome jigs or by trolling multi-hook "mackerel trees" available in most tackle and hardware stores. These fish average a pound or so in weight, are scrappy fighters, and are delicious




Schools of bluefin tuna, like this one taken off Boothbay Harbor, invade coastal waters during the summer months. Sizes range from 200 to over 800 pounds.

The striped bass is another fine game fish, most often taken near river mouths or well up into the rivers themselves. These fish are wary and can be finicky feeders, but you can do well on trolled spoons, plugs, or live or cut bait. Most fish taken run five to 30 pounds, but 50-pounders are caught every year. Currently there's a limit of one striped bass per person per day, and it must be at least 36" long. Due to Maine's excellent striper fishing, there are now several dozen licensed guides operating in the river systems in 18- to 25-foot boats, most of whom can take from two to four passengers for a half-day of light-tackle action.

Fishing From Shore

Fishing with light spinning tackle from Maine's rocky shoreline or harbor docks and piers can be a lot of fun, and action can be brisk for a myriad of smaller species. *Cunners* (often called bergalls) up to a pound or so are plenti-

ful, and if you take the time to fillet them and remove all the small bones, you'll find that their flesh is sweet. *Harbor pollock* (the young of the open-ocean adults) are feisty fighters and are easy to catch, but they're not very good eating so it's best to release them unharmed. Flounders, sculpins, small "tinker" mackerel, and others oblige anglers of all ages. The best all-around rig is a small hook tied six inches above a light sinker, baited with a piece of seaworm, or clam, although the meat of a periwinkle or mussel will often work just as well.

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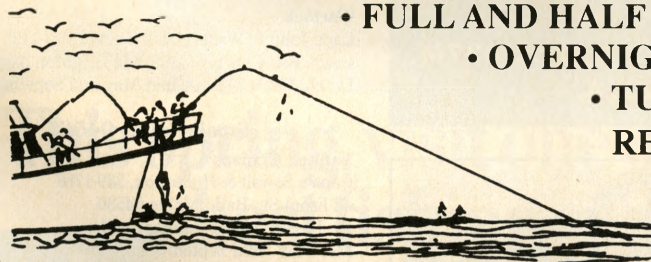
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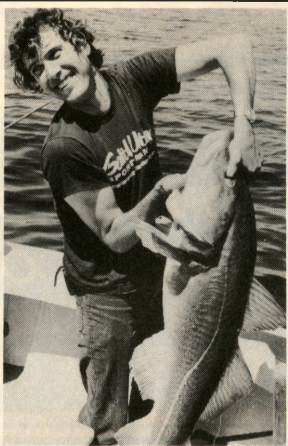
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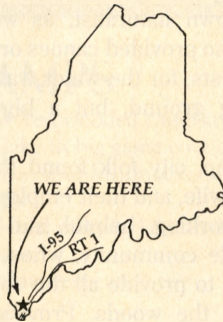


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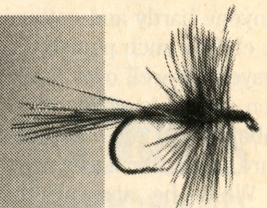
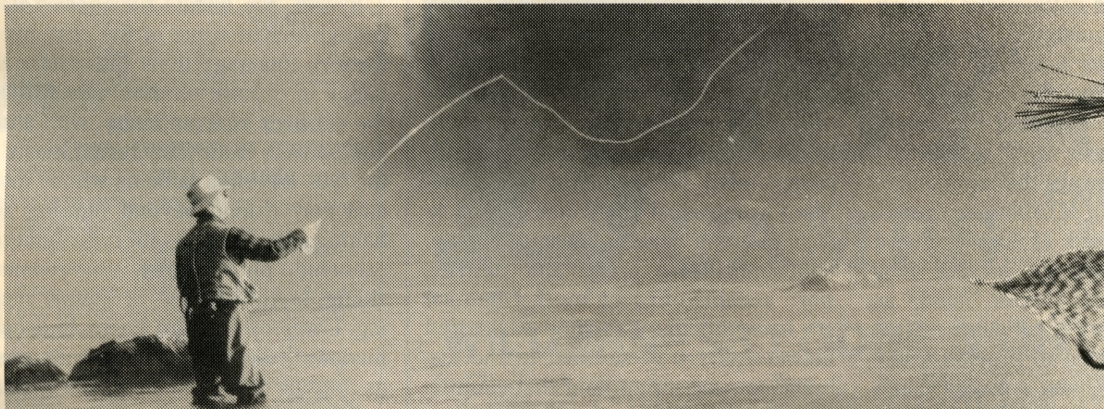
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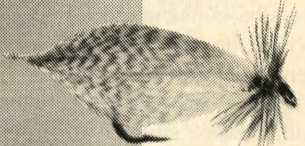


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Ask anyone new to Maine's woods, "What is a sporting camp?" and you will hear some interesting (but incorrect) guesses. A private cottage in the pine woods? A plush resort for well-heeled hunters or fishermen? Or could it be a summer camp for aspiring athletes? In fact, the sporting camp is unique to Maine, and the correct answer is found in more than a century of tradition.

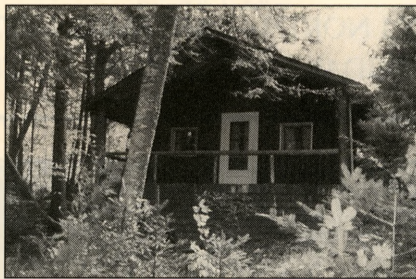
In the late 1800's, sporting camps first began to attract city weary "sports" to Maine's thousands of acres of prime hunting and fishing territory. The sporting camp enjoyed its heyday during the railroad era of the late 1800's and early 1900's, when rail lines probed deeply into Maine's big woods, giving easier access to urbanites from as far south as Washington, D.C. Where the rails ended, though, the work began for the city sportsman, who often has traveled for more than a day to his wilderness point of departure. For another day, or longer, he would have to continue by steamer, bone-jolting tote wagon, horseback, canoe, or even shank's mare. Anyone hardy and enthusiastic enough to endure such punishment most likely stayed for well over a week in his chosen camp to make the most of his labors—and often repeated the adventure yearly, for it was worth the effort.

When he arrived, the sportsman would find a group of cabins, or camps, usually constructed of logs cut and peeled on the spot, and located on a remote and pristine lake or "pond," as Mainers call their small lakes. Most cabins were situated to provide a fine view of the water, with a roofed porch and simple chairs for evening meditation. While the amenities were as comfortable as wilderness provisions would allow, plumbing consisted of water pail and backhouse, and lighting was by the warm glow of kerosene lamps. The cabins were satellites of one grand main lodge, where guests gathered at tables before plates heaped with hearty, home-cooked food prepared on the wood range by the proprietor's wife. The lodge was also the social center for the swapping of tall tales.

Fishing and hunting in this untapped wilderness were the big attractions, and many well-known names were registered in camp guest books. Vital to the

success of camp operations was the famous Maine Guide. Many sports relied on his knowledge and skill to lead them to fish or game. When action was slow, a good guide would boost morale with his clever outdoor cookery, his wry humor, and some mighty good stories. If the guest's interests were more in nature observation—bird-watching, moose-stalking, or exploring—the knowledgeable guide was a top-notch, home-grown naturalist, as well. Most camps also provided canoes or boats for their guests, for the water was not only a fishing ground, but a highway for hunters.

In camp, city folk found the proprietor, his wife, and their employees to be a hard-working, helpful, and self-sufficient little community, whose primary goal was to provide all the comforts of home in the woods. Provisions were



brought in over the same arduous route traveled by visitors; ingenuity and efficiency were the name of the game. Many camps had a kitchen garden to provide fresh vegetables for the table, and home-made bread and pastries were a staple of every meal. Often ice cut from the lake in winter was stored between layers of sawdust in the ice-house for use throughout the summer. The grocery store was a distant vision; indeed, the very distance from easy urban living, the simpler, unpressured pace and peaceful solitude created a haven for recharging the spirit.

More than a century after the earliest enterprising Maine woodsman laid down his first sill log, the sporting camp is still providing fond memories for guests, and a step back to a simpler day. In fact, some camps have been operating continuously for a century, through five generations. Many of today's camps have existed since the '20s and '30s, and a few have been built on wilderness lakes within the last twenty years. Still, there are far fewer camps today than

the several hundred which flourished during the heyday of the rail era. Age-weathered or with the scent of new lumber, sporting camps strive mightily to uphold the old traditions, which are the soul of the industry. The kitchen garden still produces vegetables for some camp tables, and camp cooks are proud of their homemade breads and pastries. In a few camps, drinks are still chilled with ice cut and stored the previous winter. The registered Maine Guide is often available to help his sports find fish or game.

Although much has remained the same, inevitably there have been some changes. Float planes, motor boats, and well-constructed logging roads provide much easier access to Maine's interior. Most remote camps have installed generators, and many now provide lighting and plumbing, although some still adhere to the rustic style of earlier years. While a number of camps still offer the American Plan with excellent home-cooking, others now provide fully-equipped housekeeping cabins for guests who prefer to do their own cooking.

In fact, the guests themselves have brought about some of the changes in modern sporting camps. Many folks are happy to explore on their own without the services of a guide, but with some good advice from their host. Guests of the '90s are often families whose interests may extend beyond hunting and fishing, to include hiking, boating, canoeing, photography, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, or simply relaxing. Camp owners are happy to accommodate these wider interests as much as their facilities and location will allow, and to the extent that no harm occurs to the environment.

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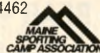
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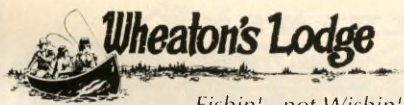
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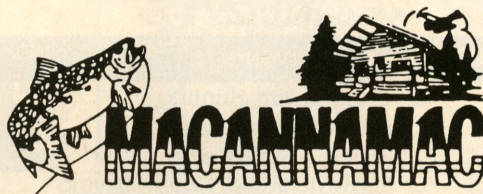
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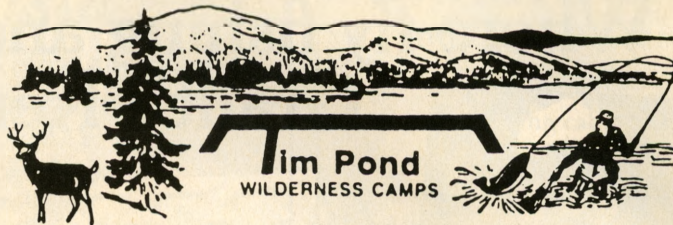
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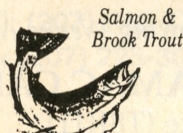


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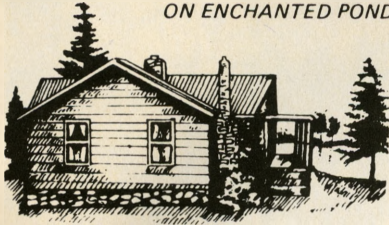


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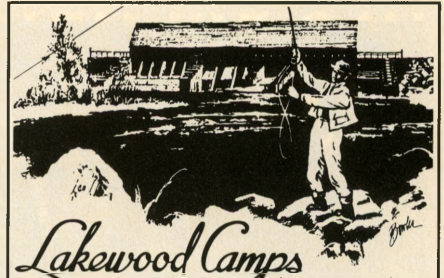


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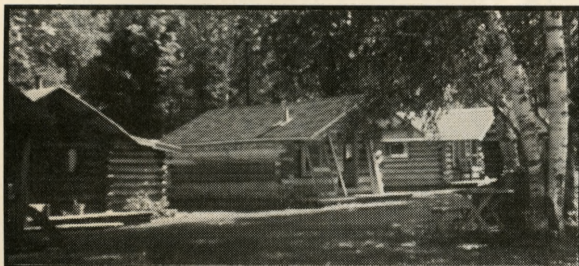
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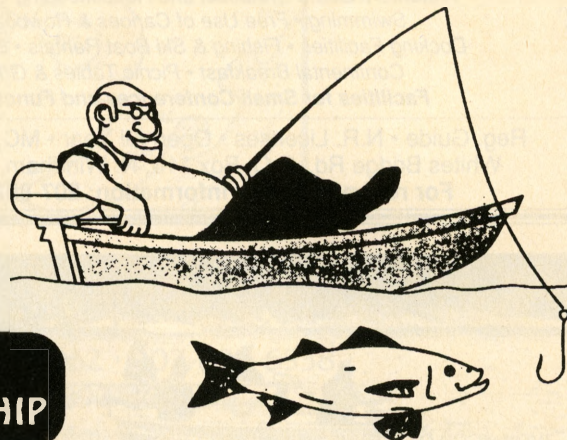


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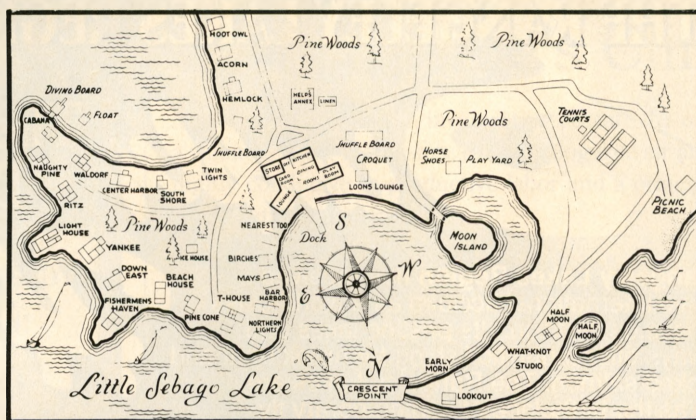
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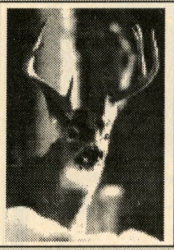
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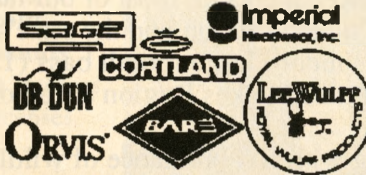
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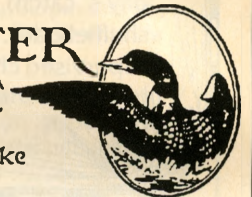
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Maine has one of the most comfortable statewide summer climates in the continental United States. Peak temperatures, normally occurring in July, average about 70 degrees Fahrenheit throughout the State. In the Southern Interior Division during a very warm summer, temperatures may reach 90 degrees F for as many as 25 days, and in the Coastal Division, 2 to 7 days. Summer nights are usually cool and comfortable. Winters are generally cold, but prolonged cold spells are rare. Temperature variations are greater in winter than in summer. Northern Interior weather stations may record as many as 40 to 60 days of sub-zero temperatures annually, while coastal stations report 10 to 20 sub-zero days.

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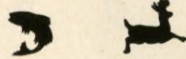
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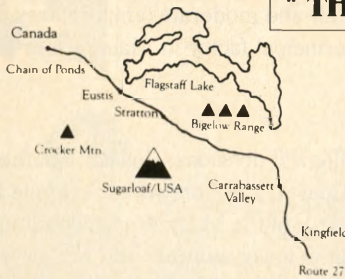


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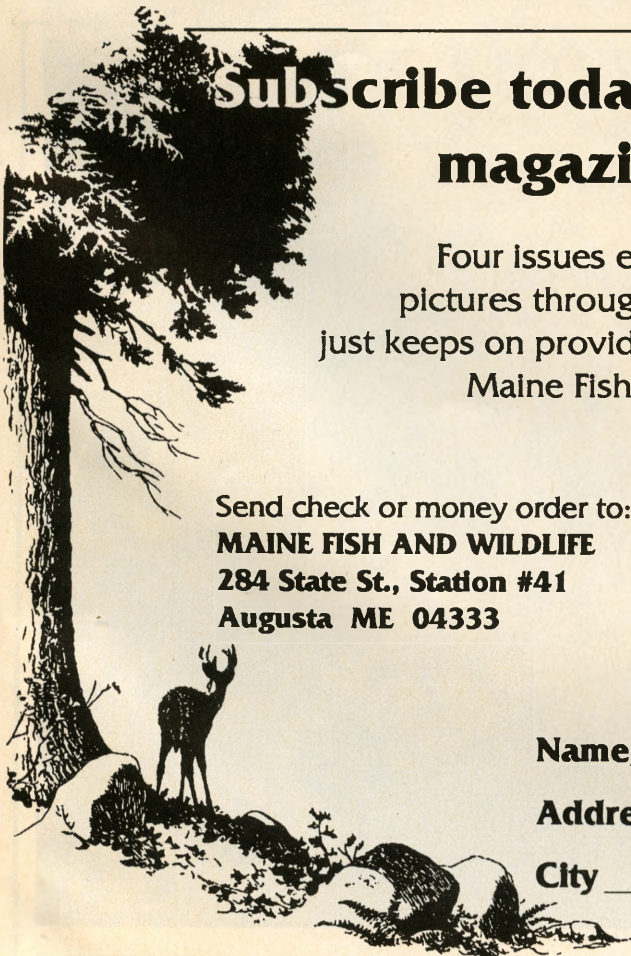
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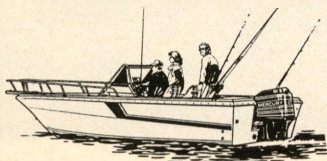
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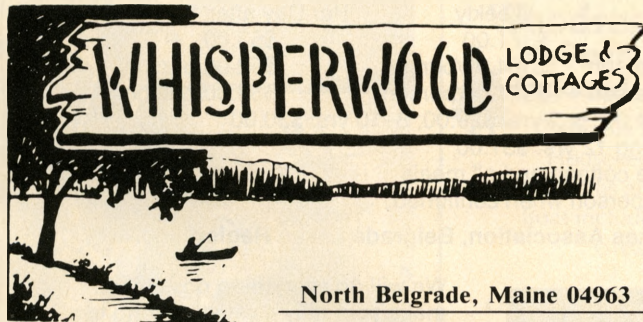
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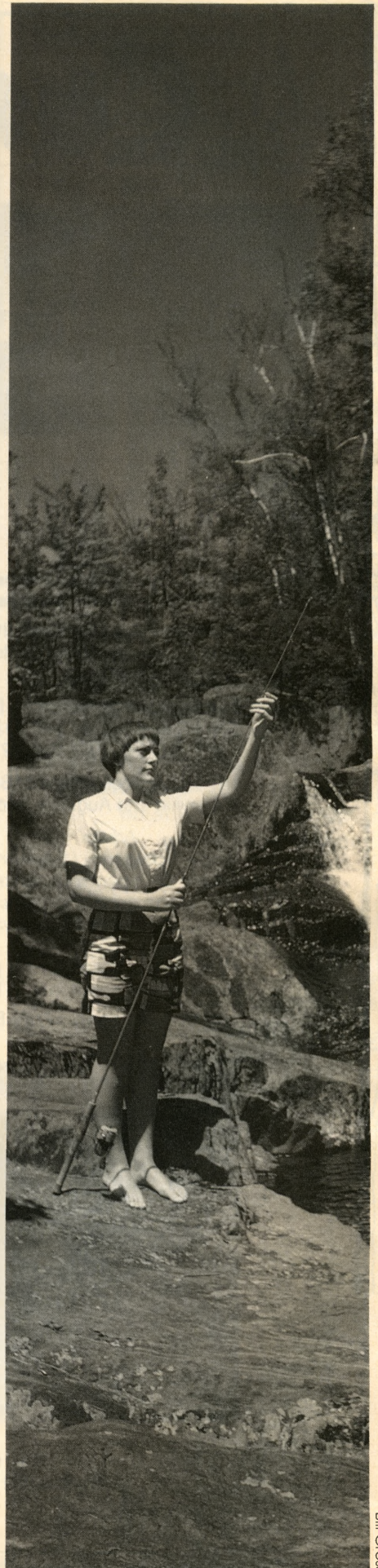
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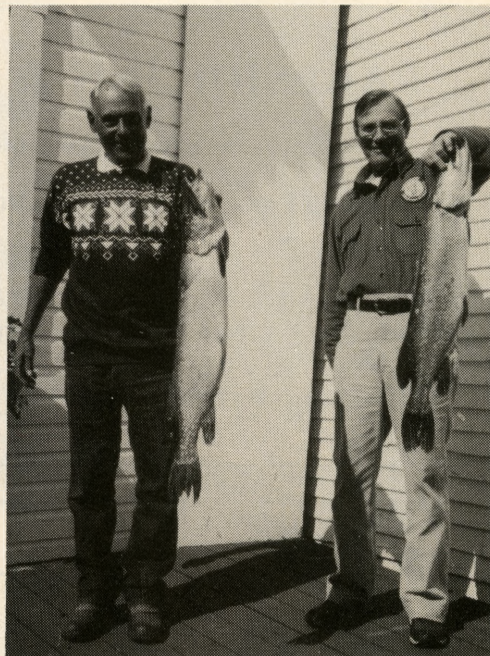
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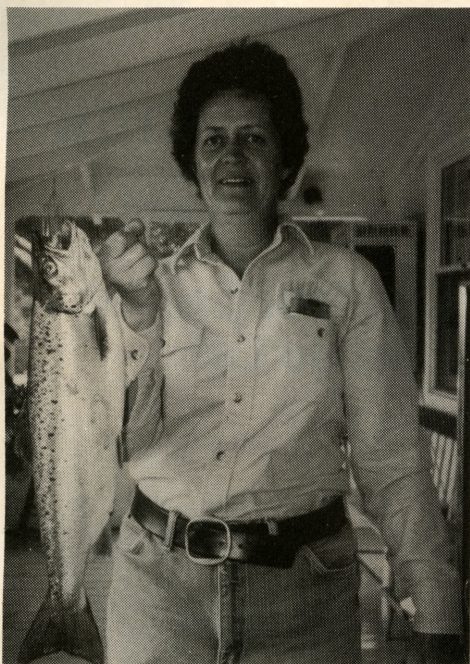
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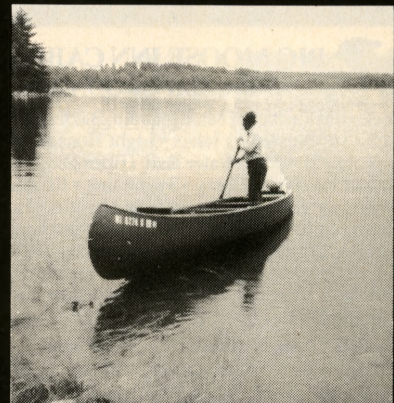
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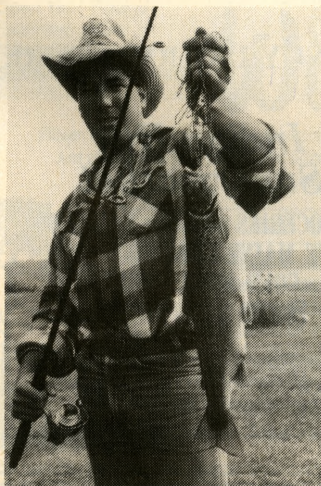
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