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**2024 Annual Report on
Maine Warden Service Assistance
Presented to the 132nd Legislature Joint Standing
Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife**



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Executive Summary

Pursuant to 12 §10353, sub-§6, the Bureau of Warden Service may provide assistance to other entities including county, state and municipal agencies, private organizations and persons. The director of the Bureau of Warden Service may charge the entities or individuals for these services. Last year, the warden service provided 76 details, totaling 426 hours and \$32,814.76. The Warden Service also responded to over 700 calls to assist other agencies as part of their routine work.

Background

- As a state law enforcement agency, the Maine Warden Service routinely responds to law enforcement calls for assistance from other agencies. These calls for assistance are most generally part of a game warden's routine work throughout the day and are considered non-reimbursed requests for assistance.
- Reimbursed requests for assistance most generally are completed based on memorandums of understanding or agreements in order to provide specific and focused enforcement efforts in addition to routine patrol work. Examples of this work would include but are not limited to endangered species protection work, aquatic invasive species mitigation as well as focused watercraft enforcement on certain bodies of water.

Summary of Reimbursed Activities

Kezar Lake 2024

- 10 details worked (3 8-hour details, 7 4-hour details)
- 52 hours total
- \$3,998.36 reimbursed

Cobbossee Lake 2024

- 18 details worked
- 144 hours total
- \$12,240.00 reimbursed

Little Sebago Lake 2024

- 138 hours total
- \$10,350.00 reimbursed

Endangered Species Piping Plover Details 2024

- 23 details worked
- 92 hours total
- \$6,226.40 reimbursed

Non-Reimbursed Assistance

The Maine Warden Service assisted on 721 calls for service to other agencies during the last fiscal year.

- Assist Sheriff's Department – 295
- Assist Local Police – 193
- Assist State Police – 149
- Assist Other – 38
- Assist Fire Dept. – 10
- Assist Federal Agency – 7
- Assist Forestry – 6
- Assist Marine Patrol – 5
- Assist National Park – 4
- Assist Animal Damage Control – 3
- Assist Border Patrol – 3
- Assist US Fish and Wildlife – 3
- Assist New Hampshire Fish and Game – 2
- Assist State Park – 1
- Assist Fire Marshal – 1
- Assist DHS – 1