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Mr. George J. Stobie  
Commissioner Inland Fisheries and Game  
Augusta, Maine

Dear Mr. Stobie:

In response to your inquiry of January 8, relative to your authority "to employ the services of an experienced man to co-ordinate the various activities of your department, and promote public interest and participation in propagation and conservation of wild life in Maine, etc.", I regret to have to inform you that I do not find any provision of our statutes which give you authority to employ a man for the purposes you mention.

Your duties and the administration of your office are quite clearly stated in Chapter 38 of the Revised Statutes, as amended. Section 1 provides that: "A commissioner, and a deputy, recommended in writing by him shall be appointed by the Governor and Council, etc." Section 2, provides that: the commissioner shall have general supervision of the administration and enforcement of the fish and game laws, and under his direction his deputy shall assist him in the performance of his duties, particularly in field work and including the inspection of hatcheries and similar property, supervision of wardens and inspection of warden service.

Section 12 provides for the appointment of wardens by the Governor and Council upon your recommendation and describes their duties which are to enforce fish and game laws.

Section 13 provides that the commissioner may appoint fish and game wardens and may revoke such appointment at any time. These wardens have the same powers and are subject to the same laws as inland fish and game wardens appointed by the Governor and Council.

The fish and game law is silent regarding the publicity feature.

Very truly yours,

Sanford L. Fogg  
Deputy Attorney General

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