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Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund

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Senate Chair
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Dear Senator:

I am pleased to submit the following information as the **Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund's** ninth annual report. Submission of this information is required under TITLE 12, MRSA part 13, chapter 903, subchapter 6, section 10308.

By way of history, the Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund was established in July, 1995 after a campaign by Maine Audubon Society and the Sportsman's Alliance of Maine generated more than 53,000 signatures on petitions to place the lottery issue on the November, 1995 ballot. Due to the strong support among Maine residents, the Legislature enacted the proposal into law, bypassing the need for a referendum.

The Fund's sole purpose is for "maintaining, improving and expanding state and local natural resource conservation programs and associated compatible public uses." Revenue is generated exclusively by a dedicated instant lottery ticket distributed by the Maine State Lottery.

The Heritage Fund law requires that funds raised by the lottery be expended in four general categories: for fisheries and wildlife, and habitat conservation projects (35%); for acquisition and management of public lands, parks, and wildlife conservation areas (35%); for endangered and threatened species conservation projects (15%); and for natural resources law enforcement (15%). Priorities within each of the four funding categories are described in the enclosed Strategic Plan.

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Since the program began, twenty-three Heritage Fund lottery tickets have been issued. Two tickets were issued this year: "Cool Cash" and our current ticket "Talkin' Turkey." Voided tickets of this year's designs are attached.

Approximately 79 percent of Heritage Fund lottery ticket revenue is allocated toward winnings and ticket distribution and advertising expenses. The remaining 21 percent is transferred to the Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund. This profit figure has totalled over \$11.2 million since the program's inception. During the last fiscal year, the Fund's profit was \$766,644, an amount \$533,356 (or 41%) below budget (see attached financial statements).

The shortfall of over \$533,000 was the result of several factors. The dedicated Heritage Fund ticket has thus far been limited to the \$1.00 market. Research has shown that there is rapidly growing interest among lottery ticket buyers to purchase tickets of higher denomination such as \$2.00, \$3.00, \$5.00 and even \$10.00 tickets. In addition, the Heritage Fund ticket is being sold among a growing number of Maine State Lottery tickets, making it more and more difficult for the Heritage Fund ticket to sustain its historic market share. Finally, with dwindling interest on the part of ticket agents to carry multiple \$1.00 tickets, only 50% to 75% of all ticket agents carry the Heritage Fund ticket at any given time.

Grants are awarded semi-annually to natural resource agencies in response to grant proposals. To date, there have been sixteen grant cycles, in which the Heritage Fund received 728 grant applications requesting a total of \$24.1 million. Applicants include state natural resource agencies in partnership with non-profit conservation organizations. In response, the Heritage Fund has awarded over \$11.3 million in grants to 424 conservation projects. The grant sizes have ranged from \$561 to \$110,000. A brief description of the 39 grants awarded this year is attached.

Since the Heritage Fund program began, grant recipients have included the Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife; the Department of Marine Resources; the Department of Conservation; the Department of Environmental Protection; the Department of Agriculture; the State Planning Office; the Land for Maine's Future Board; the Maine Conservation Corps; the Atlantic Salmon Commission (and formerly the Atlantic Salmon Authority); the St. Croix International Waterway Commission; York, Cumberland, Oxford, Piscataquis, Washington and Central Aroostook Counties Soil and Water Conservation Districts; the Wells Reserve; and the

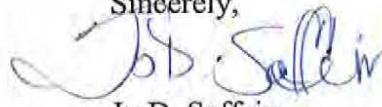
Saco River Corridor Commission. These state natural resource agencies have partnered with scores of non-governmental organizations to accomplish their projects, so the impact of these grants reaches well beyond the scope of these agencies alone.

The Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund is continually building public awareness of the Program. In the past year, it has worked with Ursus Productions to produce more than a dozen television segments highlighting specific conservation projects funded by the Heritage Fund. These segments are airing regularly on commercial stations throughout Maine as well as on public television. A radio ad featuring Maine comedian Gary Crocker recently aired, promoting the Fund's current lottery ticket, Talkin' Turkey.

The Heritage Fund Board continues to implement its Strategic Plan by ensuring that all funded projects substantively address one of the four funding categories established in the Fund's enabling legislation. I am confident you will find that the projects funded to date, whether evaluated individually or as a group, make a substantial contribution to the protection of the State's natural resources.

The Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund Board looks forward to its ongoing role in providing an alternative source of funding for innovative conservation projects. If you would like any additional information, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jo D. Saffair". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jo" being particularly prominent.

Jo D. Saffair
Secretariat

Department of Administrative and Financial Services
Outdoor Heritage Fund
HERITAGE GAME INCEPTION TO DATE INCOME STATEMENT
For Month ending October 31, 2004

SALES:		Actual % of Sales
Game 181 - Outdoor Heritage (Loony)	\$ 3,274,677.00	7.38%
Game 190 - Outdoor Heritage II (Moosa)	3,267,002.00	7.37%
Game 208 - Outdoor Heritage IV (Eagle)	3,218,899.00	7.28%
Game 247 - Outdoor Heritage III (Lighthouse)	2,485,598.00	5.61%
Game 269 - Gone Fishing	2,030,520.00	4.54%
Game 271 - Outdoor Heritage (4 Scenes)	1,941,259.00	4.38%
Game 291 - Bag The Poacher	1,906,886.00	4.30%
Game 299 - Canoe the Allagash	2,013,225.00	4.54%
Game 314 - Outdoor Heritage Loon	1,618,255.00	3.43%
Game 319 - Big Bucks -4743.48	1,976,772.00	4.46%
Game 339 - Stay on the Trail	1,676,095.00	3.78%
Game 362 - Three Trout Game	1,785,847.00	3.94%
Game 408 - Bear Bucks	1,777,951.00	4.01%
Game 409 - Road Kill Cash	1,752,256.00	3.95%
Game 414 - Katahdin Cash	1,726,864.00	3.90%
Game 415 - Tic Tac Doo	2,230,228.00	5.03%
Game 452 - Squirrel Away Cash	1,677,448.00	3.78%
Game 483 - Whoo Wins	1,084,452.00	2.45%
Game 477 - Camping Cash	1,226,403.00	2.77%
Game 553 - Black Fly Bucks	1,354,324.00	3.04%
Game 555 - Catch A Winner	1,702,325.00	3.84%
Game 584 - Cool Cash	1,480,383.00	3.29%
Game 618 - Talking Turkey	1,292,337.00	2.92%
Total Sales	\$ 44,321,734.00	100%
OTHER INCOME:		
Expired Prize Reserve	\$ 678,611.62	1.53%
Miscellaneous	121,389.85	0.27%
Scientific Games Credit	8,976.32	0.02%
Interest Income	435,795.56	0.98%
Total Other Income	\$ 1,243,753.15	2.81%
Total Income	\$ 45,565,487.15	
EXPENSES:		
Prize Expenses		
Game 181 - Outdoor Heritage	\$ (1,936,352.83)	59.13%
Game 190 - Outdoor Heritage II	(1,809,195.63)	58.44%
Game 208 - Outdoor Heritage IV	(1,925,495.38)	59.82%
Game 247 - Outdoor Heritage III	(1,478,488.34)	59.40%
Game 271 - Outdoor Heritage (4 Scenes)	(1,154,686.00)	59.48%
Game 269 - Gone Fishing	(1,189,270.00)	59.15%
Game 291 - Bag The Poacher	(1,183,020.00)	60.96%
Game 299 - Canoe the Allagash	(1,215,084.00)	60.96%
Game 314 - Outdoor Heritage Loon	(927,159.00)	61.07%
Game 319 - Biggest Bucks	(1,197,366.00)	60.51%
Game 339 - Stay On the Trail	(1,138,269.00)	67.91%
Game 362 - Three Trout Game	(1,062,212.00)	60.85%
Game 408 - Bear Bucks	(1,068,983.00)	60.12%
Game 409 - Road Kill Cash	(1,079,571.00)	61.61%
Game 414 - Katahdin Cash	(1,043,808.00)	60.45%
Game 415 - Tic Tac Doo	(1,317,591.00)	59.08%
Game 452 - Squirrel Away Cash	(1,008,228.00)	59.89%
Game 483 - Whoo Wins	(924,578.81)	85.78%
Game 477 - Camping Cash	(679,845.32)	47.29%
Game 553 - Black Fly Bucks	(1,108,803.17)	61.84%
Game 555 - Catch A Winner	(1,015,425.98)	59.65%
Game 584 - Cool Cash	(2,209,813.00)	151.32%
Game 618 - Talking Turkey	(705,310.92)	54.58%
Vendor Fees	(3,442,991.37)	7.77%
Agent Commissions	(205,773.93)	0.46%
Agent Bonuses	(856,208.50)	1.48%
Advertising	(102,128.17)	0.23%
Sta Cap	(582,503.43)	1.31%
Secretarial's Contract Service	(48,972.25)	0.11%
Per Diem	(4,337.13)	0.01%
Other Travel	(37,007.44)	0.08%
Misc	(854,687.65)	1.95%
Distribution Expenses	(59,585.80)	0.13%
Total Expenses	\$ (34,367,580.18)	75.40%
Incepted Fish & Wildlife Profit	\$ 11,207,906.99	24.80%

**Department of Administrative And Financial Services
Division of Lottery**

**Profit vs Budgeted for Heritage Fund,
For FY 2004**

<u>Month</u>	<u>Profit</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Difference</u>
July	\$ 38,381	\$ 111,873	\$ (73,492) (65.69%)
August	34,360	133,182	(101,822) (76.45%)
September	35,270	95,891	(60,621) (63.22%)
October	181,971	101,218	80,753 79.78%
November	72,900	74,582	(1,682) (2.25%)
December	43,076	122,528	(79,452) (64.84%)
January	142,993	92,837	50,156 54.03%
February	73,354	111,873	(38,519) (34.43%)
March	38,550	90,564	(51,014) (56.33%)
April	51,957	133,182	(81,225) (60.99%)
May	20,157	120,397	(100,240) (83.26%)
June	35,674	111,873	(76,199) (68.11%)
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	\$ 766,644	\$ 1,300,000	\$ (533,356) (41.03%)
		\$ 1,300,000	

Department of Administrative and Financial Services
Outdoor Heritage Fund
 HERITAGE GAME YTD INCOME STATEMENT

For Fiscal year-to-date ending June 30, 2004
 For Month ending June 30, 2004

		Actual % of Sales
SALES:		
Game 339 - Stay On the Trail	\$ -	0.00%
Game 362 - Three Trout Game	-	0.00%
Game 408 - Bear Bucks	-	0.00%
Game 409 - Road Kill Cash	-	0.00%
Game 414 - Katahdin Kash	-	0.00%
Game 415 - Tic Tac Doe	-	0.00%
Game 452 - Squirrel Away Cash	-	0.00%
Game 463 - Whoo Wins	(48.00)	(0.00%)
Game 477 - Campfire Cash	(303.00)	(0.01%)
Game 553 - Black Fly Bucks	1,354,324.00	42.32%
Game 555 - Catch A Winner	480,097.00	14.38%
Game 584 - Cool Cash	1,386,268.00	43.32%
Total Sales	\$ 3,200,338.00	100%
OTHER INCOME:		
Expired Prize Reserve	\$ 61,622.98	
Miscellaneous	(1,808.00)	
Interest Income	7,233.90	
Total Other Income	\$ 67,048.88	
Total Income	\$ 3,267,386.88	
EXPENSES:		
Prize Expense:		
Game 339 - Stay On the Trail	\$ -	0.00%
Game 362 - Three Trout Game	-	0.00%
Game 408 - Bear Bucks	-	0.00%
Game 409 - Road Kill Cash	-	0.00%
Game 414 - Katahdin Kash	-	0.00%
Game 415 - Tic Tac Doe	-	0.00%
Game 452 - Squirrel Away Cash	-	0.00%
Game 463 - Whoo Wins	(625.00)	0.02%
Game 477 - Campfire Cash	(7,304.00)	0.23%
Game 553 - Black Fly Bucks	(1,105,338.17)	34.54%
Game 555 - Catch A Winner	(331,913.78)	10.37%
Game 584 - Cool Cash	(477,516.23)	14.92%
Vendor Fees	(164,074.53)	5.13%
Agent Commissions	(256,027.04)	8.00%
Agent Bonuses	(570.00)	0.02%
Advertising	(82,472.21)	2.58%
Sta Cap	(2,684.87)	0.08%
Secretariat's Contract Service	(54,741.55)	1.71%
Per Diem	(700.00)	0.02%
Other Travel	(847.40)	0.03%
Misc	(36,428.23)	1.14%
Distribution Expenses	(80,008.45)	2.50%
Total Expenses	\$ (2,801,249.46)	(81.28%)
Inland Fish & Wildlife Profit:	\$ 666,137.42	20.81%

Department of Administrative and Financial Services
Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund

For Month ending October 31, 2004

Legal Distribution percentages:	Total	35% Category 1	35% Category 2	15% Category 3	15% Category 4
Profit from sales of Lottery Tickets	\$10,092,489.81	\$3,532,371.43	\$3,532,371.43	\$1,513,673.47	\$1,513,673.47
Interest Income	435,796.56	152,628.45	152,628.45	65,369.33	65,369.33
Expired Prize Reserve	679,611.82	237,864.07	237,864.07	101,841.74	101,841.74
Total Revenue	\$11,207,898.99	\$3,922,763.84	\$3,922,763.84	\$1,681,184.55	\$1,681,184.55
Actual Distribution percentages:		35.00%	35.00%	15.00%	14.99%
Grants awarded but not yet issued	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Grants issued	\$10,950,098.00	3,750,488.84	3,975,427.08	1,819,328.00	1,804,878.08
Grants returned in whole or in part	(\$288,933.70)	(19,380.74)	(244,074.70)	(18,888.13)	(6,810.13)
Total Issued and Awarded	\$10,660,164.30	\$3,731,108.10	\$3,731,352.38	\$1,599,437.87	\$1,598,068.05
Fund Balance after grants are issued	\$547,732.69	\$191,655.84	\$191,411.56	\$81,746.68	\$82,918.60
Cash Balance	\$547,732.69	\$191,655.84	\$191,411.56	\$81,746.68	\$82,918.60

Allocation of next round of grants based on a distribution of:

\$200,000.00	\$69,949.41	\$69,705.13	\$29,586.77	\$30,758.69
\$205,000.00	\$71,689.41	\$71,455.13	\$30,336.77	\$31,508.89
\$210,000.00	\$73,449.41	\$73,205.13	\$31,086.77	\$32,258.89
\$215,000.00	\$75,189.41	\$74,955.13	\$31,836.77	\$33,008.89
\$220,000.00	\$76,949.41	\$76,705.13	\$32,586.77	\$33,758.69
\$225,000.00	\$78,689.41	\$78,455.13	\$33,336.77	\$34,508.89
\$230,000.00	\$80,449.41	\$80,205.13	\$34,086.77	\$35,258.69
\$235,000.00	\$82,189.41	\$81,955.13	\$34,836.77	\$36,008.89
\$240,000.00	\$83,949.41	\$83,705.13	\$35,586.77	\$36,758.69
\$245,000.00	\$85,689.41	\$85,455.13	\$36,336.77	\$37,508.89
\$250,000.00	\$87,449.41	\$87,205.13	\$37,086.77	\$38,258.69
\$255,000.00	\$89,189.41	\$88,955.13	\$37,836.77	\$39,008.89
\$260,000.00	\$90,949.41	\$90,705.13	\$38,586.77	\$39,758.69
\$265,000.00	\$92,689.41	\$92,455.13	\$39,336.77	\$40,508.69
\$270,000.00	\$94,449.41	\$94,205.13	\$40,086.77	\$41,258.89
\$275,000.00	\$96,189.41	\$95,955.13	\$40,836.77	\$42,008.89
\$280,000.00	\$97,949.41	\$97,705.13	\$41,586.77	\$42,758.69
\$285,000.00	\$99,689.41	\$99,455.13	\$42,336.77	\$43,508.69
\$290,000.00	\$101,449.41	\$101,205.13	\$43,086.77	\$44,258.69
\$295,000.00	\$103,189.41	\$102,955.13	\$43,836.77	\$45,008.89
\$300,000.00	\$104,949.41	\$104,705.13	\$44,586.77	\$45,758.69
\$305,000.00	\$106,689.41	\$106,455.13	\$45,336.77	\$46,508.69
\$310,000.00	\$108,449.41	\$108,205.13	\$46,086.77	\$47,258.69
\$315,000.00	\$110,189.41	\$108,955.13	\$46,836.77	\$48,008.69
\$320,000.00	\$111,949.41	\$111,705.13	\$47,586.77	\$48,758.69
\$325,000.00	\$113,689.41	\$113,455.13	\$48,336.77	\$49,508.69
\$330,000.00	\$115,449.41	\$115,205.13	\$49,086.77	\$50,258.69
\$335,000.00	\$117,189.41	\$116,955.13	\$49,836.77	\$51,008.69
\$340,000.00	\$118,949.41	\$118,705.13	\$50,586.77	\$51,758.69
\$345,000.00	\$120,689.41	\$120,455.13	\$51,336.77	\$52,508.69
\$350,000.00	\$122,449.41	\$122,205.13	\$52,086.77	\$53,258.69
\$355,000.00	\$124,189.41	\$123,955.13	\$52,836.77	\$54,008.69
\$360,000.00	\$125,949.41	\$125,705.13	\$53,586.77	\$54,758.69
\$365,000.00	\$127,689.41	\$127,455.13	\$54,336.77	\$55,508.69
\$370,000.00	\$129,449.41	\$129,205.13	\$55,086.77	\$56,258.69
\$375,000.00	\$131,189.41	\$130,955.13	\$55,836.77	\$57,008.69
\$380,000.00	\$132,949.41	\$132,705.13	\$56,586.77	\$57,758.69
\$385,000.00	\$134,689.41	\$134,455.13	\$57,336.77	\$58,508.69
\$390,000.00	\$136,449.41	\$136,205.13	\$58,086.77	\$59,258.69
\$395,000.00	\$138,189.41	\$137,955.13	\$58,836.77	\$60,008.69
\$400,000.00	\$139,949.41	\$139,705.13	\$59,586.77	\$60,758.69

Grant Categories:

- Category 1 Fisheries and wildlife, and habitat conservation projects
- Category 2 Acquisition and management of public lands, parks, wildlife conservation areas and public access, and outdoor recreation sites and facilities
- Category 3 Endangered and threatened species conservation projects
- Category 4 Natural resources law enforcement

Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund Grants Awarded on May 26, 2004

CATEGORY ONE: Fisheries and wildlife, and habitat conservation projects

041-1-16 DOC/DOA: Unity Wetlands Conservation – Will fund a Land Conservation Coordinator to oversee conservation planning of a 42,000 acre area centered on Unity Township, an area of statewide significance due to its unique natural features and the fact that it is one of the largest remaining unfragmented blocks of land in central Maine. Partners: Friends of Unity Wetlands, Unity Barn Raisers. Location: Kennebec and Waldo Cos. Grant: \$48,320.

041-1-5 ASC: Penobscot River Community Outreach – Will engage community involvement in a major river restoration project on the Penobscot that includes the decommissioning of three dams on the River. Partners: Atlantic Salmon Federation, Penobscot Partners. Location: Hancock, Waldo and Penobscot Cos. Grant: \$35,000.

041-1-3 SCIWC: Co-management of alewives and smallmouth bass – Will compile data and conduct new research on the interaction of smallmouth bass and alewife stocks in portions of the lower St. Croix watershed as a first step in addressing international management issues of these two fish species. Partner: Maine Rivers. Location: Washington Co. Grant: \$24,000.

041-1-10 IFW: Atlas of Maine's Damselflies and Dragonflies – Will publish an atlas on the distribution and status of 163 species of odonates in Maine, based upon a 5-year citizen effort to gather information on dragonflies and damselflies statewide. Partners: UM-Farmington, Maine State Museum. Grant: \$16,005.

041-1-17 DOC: Invasive Plant Awareness Campaign – Will create educational materials for and raise awareness of the problem of invasive plants through presentations and displays at garden shows and state fairs and before watershed groups. Partners: DOA, Nat'l Park Service, UMO, ME Center for Invasive Aquatic Plants. Location: Statewide. Grant: \$15,000.

041-1-8 DMR: Tracking Striped Bass in the Kennebec River – Will research behavior and movement of striped bass in the Kennebec River and adjacent estuaries to assess migration and favorable spawning habitats. Partners: Univ. of New England, Coastal Conservation Association. Location: Kennebec Co. Grant: \$5,164.

041-1-2 Hanc. SWCD: Volunteer Boat Launch Survey for Invasives – Will establish the first county-wide lake survey week for invasive aquatic plants, recruiting and training volunteers to perform plant surveys at over 80 boat launch areas in Hancock County. Partners: DEP, ME Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program. Location: Hancock Co. Grant: \$2,000.

Total for Category 1: \$145,489

CATEGORY TWO: Acquisition and management of public lands, parks, wildlife conservation areas and public access, and outdoor recreation sites and facilities

041-2-8 DOC: BARR Rail Trails Acquisition – Will help acquire three rail corridors totaling 50 miles for use as multi-use trail corridors near the towns of Houlton, Patten, and Mapleton. Location: Aroostook and Penobscot Cos. Grant: \$62,423.

041-2-5 DOC: Ecological Planning for Maine's Public Lands – Will conduct ecological assessments on current and proposed Bureau of Parks and Lands properties including landscape analysis and field inventories to assess the ecological significance of current and proposed lands. Partner: Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance. Location: Statewide. Grant: \$33,000.

041-2-6 DOC: Monitoring State Owned Conservation Easements – Phase III – Will collect baseline data for 37 remaining state-held conservation easements; and will help fund the placement of signage for property easement public access points. Partner: Land for Maine's Future, IFW. Location: Statewide. Grant: \$27,860.

041-2-3 IFW: Landowner Relations – Will create a comprehensive landowner relations program that encourages private landowners to allow public access and recreation on their property and rewards them with benefits for providing that public access. Partners: Sportsman's Alliance of Maine, Small Woodlot Owners Assoc. of ME, Maine Forest Products Council, ME Prof. Guides Assoc., ME Bowhunter's Assoc. Location: Statewide. Grant: \$12,300.

Total for Category 2: \$135,583

CATEGORY THREE: Endangered and threatened species conservation projects

041-3-4 IFW: Partnership for Lynx Conservation in Maine – Will help fund an ongoing study that collects information of lynx in Maine, including range distribution and lynx population as it relates to snowshoe hare abundance. Partners: UMO, USFWS, IP, Irving, Clayton Lake Woodlands. Location: Aroostook and Piscataquis Cos. Grant: \$40,000.

041-3-5 IFW: Road Mortality/Conservation of Blanding's/Spotted Turtles – Will create a mapping system identifying critical road crossings in southern Maine for state threatened and endangered turtle species in order to develop mitigation plans to reduce road crossing mortalities. Partners: Dep't of Transportation, UMO, The Nature Conservancy. Location: York Co. Grant: \$16,155.

041-3-1 York SWCD: Protection of Rare Aquatic Plant Sites in York Co. – Will screen 7 known locations of rare aquatic plants in York County for the presence of aquatic invasive plants using volunteers from lake associations and conservation commissions. Partners: ME Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program, ME Ctr. for Invasive Aquatic Plants. Location: York Co. Grant: \$3,000.

Total for Category 3: \$59,155

CATEGORY FOUR: Natural resources law enforcement

041-4-1 DMR: Groundhog Video Surveillance System – Will purchase two wireless remote undercover surveillance video systems with night vision capabilities and zoom cameras for use in apprehending and prosecuting violators of natural resources laws. Partners: Coastal Conservation Assoc., Atlantic Salmon Commission, USDA, ME Lobsterman’s Association. Location: Statewide. Grant: \$20,280.

041-4-2 IFW: Digital Cameras for Natural Resources Law Enforcement – Will help purchase digital cameras for all game wardens to improve their ability to document physical evidence. Will be used in the enforcement of endangered and threatened species laws, habitat protection, search and rescue operations, and fish and wildlife law enforcement. Location: Statewide. Grant: \$19,400.

041-4-3 IFW: Wildlife Chemical Immobilization Training – Will provide chemical immobilization training to approximately 40 wildlife technicians and biologists to respond safely and effectively to nuisance wildlife operations involving large or diseased wildlife. Partners: USDA Wildlife Services, Safe-Capture International. Location: Statewide. Grant: \$12,985.

041-4-4 DOC: Service Snow Sled – Will purchase a snowmobile to assist emergency personnel during the winter in responding to accidents and other incidents in the town of Limestone. Partner: Town of Limestone. Location: Aroostook Co. Grant: \$3,900.

041-4-5 DEP: Maine Wildlife Health Surveillance System – Will conduct an analysis of the causes of injury and death to birds in Maine including poisoning and disease to provide state agencies with a better understanding of the factors involved. Partners: UMO, Maine Audubon Society, IFW, Board of Pesticides Control. Location: Statewide. Grant: \$3,208.

Total for Category 4: \$59,773

Total All Categories: \$400,000 (19 grants)

Sponsoring Natural Resource Agencies -

ASC – Atlantic Salmon Commission
DEP – Maine Department of Environmental Protection
DMR - Maine Department of Marine Resources
DOA – Maine Department of Agriculture
DOC - Maine Department of Conservation
Hanc. SWCD – Hancock County Soil & Water Conservation District
IFW - Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife
SCIWC – St. Croix International Waterway Commission
York SWCD – York County Soil and Water Conservation District

Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund Grants Awarded on November 19, 2004

CATEGORY ONE: Fisheries and wildlife, and habitat conservation projects

042-1-9 DOC: Implementation of Governor Baldacci's Forest Certification Initiative - Will fund a program to expand Maine's forest-certified land base, increase the volume of certified wood volumes and develop demand in the marketplace for certified forest products. Partners: Certified Product Market Development Committee. Location: Statewide. Grant: \$49,000.

042-1-7 DOC/IFW: Habitat Connectivity: Landscape Level Planning – Will provide integrated natural resource information to land trusts and local governments to conserve high value wildlife habitat throughout Maine. Partners: Maine Audubon, State Planning Office, USFWS, The Nature Conservancy. Location: Statewide. Grant: \$40,975.

042-1-14 DMR: Damariscotta Mills Alewife Initiative – Will restore the degraded stream and viewing area around the State's most accessible large alewife run and create educational resources for visitors to the site. Partners: Damariscotta River Association, Maine Rivers, Damariscotta Lake Watershed Association, Towns of Nobleboro and Newcastle, National Park Service. Location: Newcastle, Lincoln Co. Grant: \$10,000.

042-1-5 IFW: Maine's Classic Landlocked Salmon Program – Will develop a program that supports the creation of trophy landlocked salmon fisheries on selected waters throughout Maine. Partners: Sportsman's Alliance of Maine. Location: Statewide. Grant: \$10,000.

042-1-10 DOC: Forest Inventory Growth Plot (FIG) Project – Phase Two – Will train Maine teachers to bring students into their local forests to participate in forest growth studies. Partners: SWOAM, Tanglewood 4-H Learning Center, University of Maine Cooperative Extension. Location: Statewide. Grant: \$6,974.

042-1-8 IFW: Rehabilitation and Return of Small Raptors to the Wild – Will fund the construction of a housing and flight-conditioning compound to rehabilitate kestrels and other small raptors of northern and central Maine. Partners: Avian Haven, Unity College, ReMaine Wild, Mid-Coast Audubon Society. Location: Freedom, Waldo Co. Grant: \$5,500.

Total for Category 1: \$122,449

CATEGORY TWO: Acquisition and management of public lands, parks, wildlife conservation areas and public access, and outdoor recreation sites and facilities

042-2-1 IFW/DOC: Ecological Planning for Maine's Wildlife Management Areas – Will conduct landscape analyses and field surveys on high priority Wildlife Management Areas to assist in conservation planning. Partner: Department of Conservation. Location: Statewide. Grant: \$40,062.

042-2-5 DOC: Economic Impact Analysis of Maine State Parks – Will survey visitors to Maine's state parks to identify the economic impacts of expenditures by these visitors. Partner: Margaret Chase Smith Center for Public Policy. Location: Statewide. Grant: \$25,000.

042-2-2 IFW: Marsh River Bog – Wetland Wildlife Conservation Initiative – Will help acquire 54 acres of wetland and upland habitat as a wildlife refuge for several species of water birds as well as for public access. Partners: Damariscotta River Association. Location: Newcastle, Lincoln Co. Grant: \$20,000.

042-2-3 IFW: Jamies Pond Wildlife Management Area Acquisition – Will help fund the acquisition of an 18-acre parcel connecting two existing parts of the Jamies Pond Wildlife Management Area. Partner: Kennebec Land Trust. Location: Manchester, Kennebec Co. Grant: \$18,000.

042-2-7 MCC: Messalonskee Stream Trail System – Will help fund the construction of a multi-use recreational trail in the Town of Oakland along the Messalonskee Stream, a critical component of an 18-mile multi-town trail initiative. Partner: Town of Oakland. Location: Oakland, Kennebec Co. Grant: \$14,000.

042-2-6 DOC: Allagash Tramway and Railroad Conservation Assessment – Will catalog, map and assess the remains of the Eagle Lake Tramway and Eagle Lake and West Branch Railroad in the Tramway National Historic District. Partners: National Park Service, Allagash Alliance. Location: T8 R13 WELS, Aroostook Co. Grant: \$5,143.

Total for Category 2: \$122,205

CATEGORY THREE: Endangered and threatened species conservation projects

042-3-3 IFW: Population Trends of Maine's Marsh Bird Species of Special Concern – Will resurvey selected wetlands to determine changes in abundance and occurrence of specific marsh birds species over time. Partners: University of Maine. Location: Statewide. Grant: \$19,901.

042-3-1 DOC/IFW: Ecological Inventory of Eastern Lowlands Ecoregion – Will conduct an inventory of habitat for rare plants and animals and ecologically significant natural areas and work with landowners on voluntary land protection. Partners: The Nature Conservancy, International Paper. Location: Aroostook, Washington, and Penobscot Cos. Grant: \$17,531.

042-3-2 DOC: Bringing Maine's List of Endangered & Threatened Plants into the 21st Century - Will review the status and recommended listing of endangered and threatened plant species in Maine, and print a current booklet of this information titled 'Rare Plant of Maine.' Partner: Maine Botanical Advisory Group. Location: Statewide. Grant: \$14,635.

Total for Category 3: \$52,067

CATEGORY FOUR: Natural resources law enforcement

041-4-3 MCC: Maine Rural Response – Will fund five AmeriCorps members to serve the Maine Forest Service by assisting in fire prevention educational efforts. Partners: DOC. Location: Statewide. Grant: \$15,000.

041-4-4 Cumb. SWCD: Preserving Maine's Water Quality Heritage – Will develop web-based stormwater public information materials in an effort to reduce stormwater pollution. Partners: DEP, USM, Casco Bay Estuary Project, State Planning Office. Location: Statewide. Grant: \$11,736.

041-4-5 DMR: Legal Guide to Intertidal Access – Will research the legal rights and obligations of the general public and landowners regarding the use of the intertidal zone along Maine's coast. Will include a seminar and the production of an informational brochure. Partners: Coastal Conservation Association, University of Maine Law School. Location: Statewide. Grant: \$10,750.

041-4-2 DOC: Newport Four Season Adventure Trail Enforcement – Will help purchase an ATV for use in patrolling Newport's multi-use trail system, and will fund an educational brochure on safe trail usage. Partner: Town of Newport. Location: Newport, Penobscot Co. Grant: \$6,375.

041-4-1 DOC: Rescue Trailers for the Bureau of Parks and Lands – Will help fund rescue trailers to transport any injured visitors at Bradbury Mountain, Mount Blue and Popham Beach State Parks. Partners: local fire and rescue units. Location: Cumberland, Franklin and Sagadahoc Cos. Grant: \$5,000.

Total for Category 4: \$48,861

Total All Categories: \$345,582 (20 grants)

Sponsoring Natural Resource Agencies -

Cumb. SWCD – Cumberland County Soil & Water Conservation District

DMR - Maine Department of Marine Resources

DOC - Maine Department of Conservation

IFW - Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife

MCC – Maine Conservation Corps