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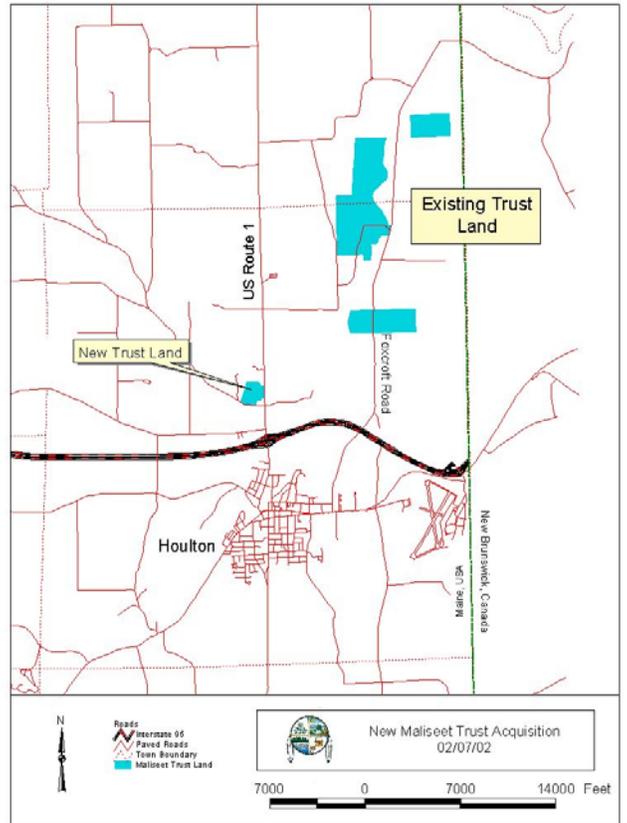
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A Day for Celebration

On February 7, 2002 the Eastern Area Regional Director for the Bureau of Indian Affairs signed a Federal Acknowledgement placing another 50 acres of land into trust for the Tribe.

This prime commercial property, located on US Route 1 in Houlton, was purchased back in 1995 from the Bangor Investment Company.

While the Tribe has no formal plan in place for the property at this time, they are exploring many opportunities.



The Tribe recently hired a marketing specialist to conduct market research and a feasibility study for business development opportunities both on and off tribal land. The information provided by the marketing research consultants along with the information gathered from the recent Integrated Resources Management Plan (IRMP) survey will help guide future tribal land purchases.

Language Nests

The Natural Resources Department has been taking part in Language Nests led by Language Coordinator, Imelda Perley. At each session the group shares language and laughter as Imelda leads us through a little bit of history and a little bit of culture on our way to learning the language. So far none of us are fluent speakers but we are all learning to recognize words and speech patterns as well as well as developing a greater respect for the Maliseet language and culture.

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Two Deadlines quickly approaching

If you are currently an HBMI tribal member with a High School Diploma or GED and have an interest in the environment, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is currently accepting applications for their Water Resources Technician Training Program. Each year, BIA offers this training to tribes across the country.



If selected for the program, the tribal member will attend an all expense paid training session in either New Mexico or Washington State sometime this summer.

Following successful completion of the program, the student will receive a voucher good for one year temporary, full time position with HBMI's Water Resource Program.

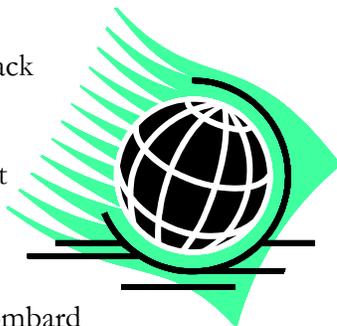
If this sounds like something you might be interested in, please contact Scott Krzanik ext. 212 or Dave Joseph ext. 216 today for an application package.

ArcView GIS Training

In February the Natural Resources department underwent in-depth computer training on the use of ArcView GIS software. This training was led by Judy Colby-George of Spatial Alternatives, Yarmouth, Maine.

GIS, which stands for Geographic Information Systems, is a powerful tool that can be used for mapping out information of all types. In conjunction with data gathered with our own GPS (Global Positioning Systems) equipment and other databases, the department is looking to generate many detailed maps of tribal lands and surrounding areas.

This training will enable department members to track information such as land usage, water quality issues, fish and wildlife habitat just to name a few of its many applications.



Special thanks to David Lombard
For creating the great map on page 1.

All participants must sign a pledge to remain alcohol and substance free during the program

Application deadline is
Friday March 29, 2002



The Native American Fish and Wildlife Society has announced it's annual Summer Environmental Youth Practicum to be held July 7 - 12, 2002 in Swannanoa, N.. Carolina.

This practicum is open to students who will be entering 10th, 11th or 12th grade this fall. It provides tribal youth the chance to meet youth from other tribes as well as to interact with professional, cultural and spiritual people.

A mailing has gone out to all tribal members age 15 - 18. If this sounds like something you'd like to participate in and have not received the mailing or would like additional information, please contact Scott Krzanik or Sue Young at the numbers listed on page 1 or via email to ogs1@maliseets.com.

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Initial Mercury Fish Study Results by David Lombard, Forester/Env. Spec.

The Mercury in Fish Tissue study we worked on last summer is approximately half over. We sampled fish from 5 lakes and streams, including the main stem of the Meduxnekeag River, Drew's Lake, Number 9 Lake, Nickerson Lake and the south branch impoundment of the Meduxnekeag River. The fish species sampled included brook trout, white perch, smallmouth bass and pickerel. The first batch of fish samples were tested at the University of Maine at Orono Environmental Chemistry Laboratory.



The average fish sizes and species caught per body of water are listed below. All of the fish sampled to date show some mercury in their tissues, with pickerel showing the highest numbers thus far. Once the sampling is complete we will be reporting the results in a later edition of this newsletter.

Water body	Species	Average Length (in)	Average Weight (oz)
Meduxnekeag River (main stem)	Brook Trout	10.82	7.80
Drew's Lake	White Perch	10.83	9.52
Number 9 Lake	Brook Trout	10.39	6.56
Nickerson Lake	Smallmouth Bass	12.58	15.52
South Branch Impoundment	Pickerel	18.39	19.82
South Branch Impoundment (QC)	Pickerel	18.19	19.40

We will be completing the study this field season. There are a number of locations we have yet to survey including Green Pond, B-Lake, as well as the North and South branches of the Meduxnekeag River.



Maine's Safe Eating Guidelines for Freshwater Fish

The State of Maine has issued a warning about eating freshwater fish and have issued the following safe eating guidelines:

- Pregnant and nursing women, women who may get pregnant and children under age 8** *Should not eat* any freshwater fish from Maine's inland waters. Except, for brook trout and landlocked salmon, 1 meal per month is safe.
- All other adults and children older than 8** *Can eat* 2 freshwater fish meals per month. For brook trout and landlocked salmon, the limit is 1 meal per week.

The state of Maine has also indicated that fish in some Maine waters contain high levels of PCBs, Dioxins or DDT in them and have issued additional consumption advisories for those waters.

This additional information is included in the State of Maine Fishing Regulations booklets as well as from their website at <http://www.state.me.us/dhs/etp>

Residents in other areas are encouraged to contact their local Department of Health for advisories in their area.



Plant Safety - Part Two

Now that spring and summer is just around the corner, it's a good time to take a look at the plants near your home. Plants are a welcome addition to any landscape but some plants can harm children and pets.



To help you make your home and yard a safer one, please check out the list of safe and harmful plants you shown on this page.

**** This is just a partial list of the most common plants found in and around the home. For more information contact your local poison control center, or agricultural extension office.**

Harmful Outdoor Plants **

Amaryllis	Foxglove	Morning glory
Apple seed	Hyacinth	Mushrooms
Azalea	Hydrangea	Narcissus
Bleeding Heart	Iris	Peony
Buttercup	Jack-in-the-pulpit	Poison ivy
Choke cherry	Laurel	Primrose
Crocus	Lily of the valley	Rhododendron
Daffodil	Lupine	Rhubarb
Delphinium	Milkweed	Tobacco
Elderberry	Monkshood	Tulip

Safer Outdoor Plants **

Bamboo	Gardenia	Impatiens
Dandelion	Hen & chicks	Marigold
Forsythia	Hibiscus	Petunia
Fuchsia	Honeysuckle	Violets, blue

Kci Kikuwosson Lintuwakon



Keci Keluwosit Kila yut (twice)
Skitkomiq Motahkomikuk
Psiw ote Kila yut

Chorus
A weya hey ya a weya hey a
A weya hey ya a weya hey a
A weya hey ya a weya a wey hey

Psiw ote Nuhkomossok, kiluwaw yut (twice)
Skitkomiq Motahkomikuk
Psiw ote kiluwaw yut

Chorus
Psiw ote Nuhkomossok, kiluwaw yut (twice)
Skitkomiq Motahkomikuk
Psiw ote kiluwaw yut

Chorus
Psiw ote Wikuwossok, kiluwaw yut (twice)
Skitkomiq Motahkomikuk
Psiw ote kiluwaw yut

Mother Earth Song

Creator, all of this is for you
Mother Earth our land
This is for you

Chorus
A weya hey ya a weya hey a
A weya hey ya a weya hey a
A weya hey ya a weya a wey hey

All the Grandmothers
Mother Earth our land
This is for all of you
Chorus
All the Grandfathers . . .
Chorus
All the Mothers . . .
Chorus
All the Fathers . . .
Chorus

Chorus

Psiw ote Mihtaqsoq, kiluwaw yut (twice)
Skitkomiq Motahkomikuk
Psiw ote kiluwaw yut

Chorus

Psiw ote Wasisok, kiluwaw yut (twice)
Skitkomiq Motahkomikuk
Psiw ote kiluwaw yut

Chorus

Psiw ote Ntulnapemok, kiluwaw yut (twice)
Skitkomiq Motahkomikuk
Psiw ote kiluwaw yut

Chorus

Psiw ote Mawsuwinuwok, kiluwaw yut (twice)
Skitkomiq Motahkomikuk
Psiw ote kiluwaw yut

Chorus

Psiw ote Weyossisok, kiluwaw yut (twice)
Skitkomiq Motahkomikuk
Psiw ote kiluwaw yut

Chorus

All the Children . . .
Chorus
All My Relations . . .
Chorus
All the People . . .
Chorus
All the Animals
Mother Earth, our land
This is all for you
Chorus



Understanding Watersheds

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has launched a **Surf Your Watershed** website. By entering your zip code or clicking a spot on a map you will be provided with information regarding the watershed you selected.

Information provided on this site includes some of the area organizations working to protect the watershed, as well as it's history, water quality data and more.

Log onto www.epa.gov/surf and start exploring.



Summer Tech Positions to be announced soon

As Spring and Summer approach, our thoughts turn to field season. With that comes the need to fill the four summer technician positions here in Natural Resources.

These positions will run from late May through August and will offer the opportunity to work with the water resources or forestry/environmental department.

Tribal members are encouraged to watch their mail for the upcoming announcement which will be sent out in late March. This is a great opportunity not only to work for your tribe but also to spend most of the summer outdoors.

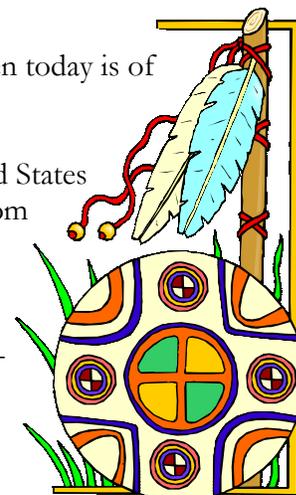
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| FIDDLEHEADS | MIGRATION | THAW |
| GREEN | MUD | TROUT |
| ICE OUT | PEEPERS | VERNAL |
| | ROBINS | |

Did you know. . . .

- There are over 600 Indian Nations & Tribes in the United States alone.
- 83% of federally recognized Indian Nations in the US have populations of less than 1000 members
- American Indians were given citizenship in 1924 after many Indian men fought in World War I
- American Indians were used to send messages that could not be decoded during World War II
- The Cherokee had a written language before the coming of European settlers
- 60% of the world's food eaten today is of American Indian origin
- The framework of the United States Constitution was adopted from the Iroquois Confederacy
- Jim Thorpe, a Sauk and Fox Indian was selected the greatest all-around athlete for the first half of the century
- 26 of the states' names were derived from Indian words



Winter Visitor

This winter, tribal employees were treated to almost daily visits from a red tailed hawk that had taken up residence near the HBMI Administration Building. Normally these hawks migrate south each year as food becomes harder to find. Apparently this hawk was finding plenty of mice to feed on.



Hawk medicine teaches us to be observant and to look at our surroundings.

Ancients recognized this magnificent bird of prey as a messenger bringing tidings to their Earth Walk from the world of their ancestors who lived before them.

When next a hawk crosses your path, take a moment to look around you, you may be surprised at what you'll see.

Word Search Answers

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