

## Wildlife Report

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As winter approaches, we will once again see wildlife showing up around the pond or on the ice. Keep your camera ready for some great photo opportunities.

Last winter a large bobcat was making it's rounds, looking for some easy meals of fish left by ice fishermen or small mammals attracted to bird feeders in the yards of homeowners. I had a report of a Canada Lynx showing up last year, but upon further investigation it proved to be a bobcat. Lynx tail tips are coal black all the way around, bobcats have white hairs on the underside of their tails. In addition, the feet of Canada Lynx are very large, enabling them to run on the surface of deep powder snow, to chase their preferred food, the snowshoe hare.

Another common resident seen around Cold Stream Pond in the winter are Bald Eagles. They too look for an easy meal of fish left by ice fishermen. This past summer, I was able to assist one day with a research project on Bald Eagles occurring on the Penobscot River, and other water bodies in the area. This included sampling blood and feathers from young eagles. A graduate student climbed the nest tree, lowered the eagle to his assistant and myself where a blood sample and a sample piece of several feathers were collected. Information from this study has not been published yet.

Another animal of interest on Cold Stream Pond is the loon. On some bodies of water if there is not enough natural nesting areas, or if there is a large fluctuation of water levels, artificial loon nesting platforms are placed. Loon eggs can be at high risk from heavy wave action as well.



Taking Blood Sample from Eagle



Buster Ready to Return Eagle to Nest



Artificial Loon Nesting Platform



Heavy Wave Action Threatening Loon Eggs

### **COLD STREAM POND**

#### **WINTER 2005 ICE FISHING REGULATIONS**

- Open January 1<sup>st</sup>
- Daily Bag Limit on Salmon – 1 fish  
Minimum Length Limit on Salmon – 14 inches
- Daily Bag Limit on Lake Trout (Togue) – 5 fish  
Minimum Length Limit on Lake Trout – 14 inches
- Daily Bag Limit on Brook Trout – 2 fish  
Minimum Length Limit on Brook Trout – 6 inches
- 8 Fish aggregate (1 salmon, 5 lake trout, 2 brook trout).
- Closed to night fishing (from ½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise)
- It is illegal to dump unused baitfish into any water body.
- It is illegal to deposit any meat, bones, dead fish or other food material for the purpose of luring fish.
- It is illegal to place any ice shack on the lake more than 3 days before the season opens (December 29<sup>th</sup>)
- All ice shacks will be removed from the parking lot by the 15<sup>th</sup> of April. Those that remain will be destroyed or sold at the discretion of the Town of Enfield.