

April 29,2025

Friends of Flyrod Committee  
198 Milford Road  
Big Lake Township, Maine 04668

Dear Members:

I have been following your efforts to raise funds for a bronze statue of Cornelia “Fly Rod” Crosby, which will be located outside the entrance of the soon-to-be-completed Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife’s new Augusta headquarters at the East Campus, 27 Independence Drive, in the former Ceta Building. This is an ideal venue as it will certainly incite an interest in Maine’s first “Registered Maine Guide” and our state’s varied outdoor resources, thereby educating those who further explore her storied place in our state’s history.

This recognition for her is long overdue as she was, in her day, one of the premier ambassadors for Maine and our magnificent outdoor sporting resources. She authored a regular column on Maine, constantly promoting our fishing. She was often asked to demonstrate her casting abilities in front of thousands of awestruck spectators at sporting shows around the country. Fly Rod Crosby was indeed a “Champion of Maine.”

It was my distinct honor to have had the opportunity to view several items of Fly Rod’s personal memorabilia. When I held her diary, flyrod and creel, I could feel the history and sense her significance. I had hoped that it would result in more fish. Apparently, she was better at the craft than I. A lifetime memory.

This statue has received universal support throughout Maine’s tourism and outdoor industries and will be an exceptional remembrance of one of our state’s legendary residents.

I eagerly await the day when everyone will be able to view the commemorative statue of Cornelia “Fly Rod” Crosby. She was most certainly one of Maine’s most valued assets; one who respected the state’s outdoor resources and eagerly told our story to the world.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Woodcock', with a stylized, flowing script.

Chandler Woodcock  
Former Commissioner-Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife