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Friends of Fly Rod Crosby  
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Dear Friends,

I applaud your efforts to honor the memory of Ms. Cornelia "Fly Rod" Crosby. This legendary woman angler from Maine's western mountains is one of Maine's most pioneering and influential figures in the fields of outdoor recreation, journalism, and conservation.

As the first registered Maine Guide and a widely read outdoor columnist, Fly Rod Crosby played a key role in promoting Maine's recreational opportunities and landscapes to a national audience. At a time when few women occupied such public roles, she was a respected voice for Maine's sporting traditions.

Fly Rod Crosby dedicated her life to not only showcasing all that Maine had to offer, but also preserving its lands and native species. Her work to advocate for catch and release laws, hunter safety laws, and the Maine Guides and the Maine State Museum have contributed greatly to our wonderful state.

Honoring Fly Rod Crosby at the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife would celebrate her achievements as a sportswoman and conservation advocate. In addition, it would provide an opportunity to educate and reflect on the relationship between Maine's woods and waters and its people. Thank you for your work to honor her legacy.

Sincerely,

*Susan M. Collins*  
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United States Senator