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### STATE OF MAINE

## ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE SECOND REGULAR SESSION

### JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON

### FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

BILL SUMMARY



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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE BILL SUMMARIES MAY 1986

This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the Second Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.

All Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor if it is a floor amendment or the designation "CA" if it is a committee amendment. If the amendment was adopted in the House, the letter H appears after the sponsor. If it was adopted in the Senate, the letter S appears.

Final action for each bill is listed to the right of the title. If final House action and Senate action differ, both are listed.

Key to Committee Reports and Floor Action:

Ought to Pass OTP Ought to Pass in New Draft OTP-ND Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title OTP-ND-NT Ought to Pass as Amended OTP-AM Ought Not to Pass ONTP Leave to Withdraw LVWD Indefinitely Postponed INDEF PP

656 TO THE TAKING OF SMELTS

Sponsor: JACQUES

Committee Report: LVWD

<u>SUMMARY:</u> This bill was a carry over. It sought to close a portion of ragged stream to the taking of smelts. The Department felt that the smelt population was currently adequate and that they wished to retain the authority to regulate items such as this through rule making.

LD AN ACT TO CLOSE MOOSEHEAD LAKE TO ICE FISHING

LVWD

657 WITHIN 300 FEET OF SHORE

Sponsor: JACQUES

Committee Report: LVWD

<u>SUMMARY:</u> This bill was a carry over. It sought to prohibit ice fishing on Moosehead Lake within 300 feet of shore.

Moosehead was unique among Maine lakes in having a rule until 1977 with this prohibition in it. It was rescinded by popular acclaim and, according to the Department, no damage to the brook trout fishing has been noted. The Department indicated that they would like to handle matters such as this by rule making.

LD 1675

LD

AN ACT TO CLARIFY EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLE USE POLICY

PL 1985 c. 532 EMERGENCY

Sponsor: DOW, Perkins, Weymouth, Rotondi

Committee Report: OTP-A

S-372 CA H S

SUMMARY: This bill repealed the 1983 law which prohibited personal use of State vehicles by Fish & Wildlife employees. With the passage of this bill, game wardens would be allowed necessary personal use of State-owned vehicles putting them on the same footing as other law enforcement officers of the State.

The amendment placed passage of this bill on an emergency basis.