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**STATE OF MAINE  
119TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
MARINE RESOURCES**

**JULY 1999**

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**ONE HUNDRED NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE**  
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**Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing and Select Committees**  
**August 1999**

We are pleased to provide this summary of all bills that were considered by the Joint Standing and Select Committees of the Maine Legislature this past session. The document is a compilation of bill summaries which describe each bill and relevant amendments, as well as the final action taken. Also included are statistical summaries of bill activity this session for the Legislature and each of its joint standing and select committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills considered by the committees. It is organized by committees and within committees by bill (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are listed by paper number. Two indices, a subject index and a numerical index by LD number are provided for easy reference to bills. They are located at the back of the document. A separate publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, may also be helpful in providing information on the disposition of bills. These bill summaries also are available at the Law and Legislative Reference Library and on the Internet ([www.state.me.us/legis/opla](http://www.state.me.us/legis/opla)).

Final action on each bill is noted to the right of the bill title. The abbreviations used for various categories of final action are as follows:

*CARRIED OVER*..... *Bill carried over to Second Regular Session*  
*CON RES XXX*..... *Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses*  
*CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE*..... *Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died*  
*DIED BETWEEN BODIES*..... *House & Senate disagree; bill died*  
*DIED IN CONCURRENCE*..... *One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill*  
*DIED ON ADJOURNMENT*..... *Action incomplete when session ended; bill died*  
*EMERGENCY*..... *Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days*  
*ENACTMENT FAILED*..... *Bill failed to get vote required for enactment or final passage*  
*NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY*..... *Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died*  
*INDEF PP*..... *Bill Indefinitely Postponed*  
*ONTP*..... *Ought Not To Pass report accepted*  
*OTP ND*..... *Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft*  
*OTP ND/NT*..... *Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title*  
*P&S XXX*..... *Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law*  
*PUBLIC XXX*..... *Chapter # of enacted Public Law*  
*RESOLVE XXX*..... *Chapter # of finally passed Resolve*  
*UNSIGNED*..... *Bill held by Governor*  
*VETO SUSTAINED*..... *Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto*

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is September 18, 1999.

## Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources

**LD 16**

**An Act to Close Elver Fishing on the West Side of the Orland River**

**PUBLIC 18  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> PERKINS		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-62
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LD 16 proposed to ban elver fishing on the west bank of the Narramissic River in Orland.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-62)** proposed to change the title of the bill and to clarify that elver fishing within the west side of the Orland River in Orland is prohibited.

### *Enacted law summary*

Public Law 1999, chapter 18 clarifies that elver fishing within the west side of the Orland River in Orland is prohibited.

Chapter 18 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 19, 1999.

**LD 129**

**An Act to Prohibit the Harvesting of Elvers**

**CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> HARRIMAN HONEY		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 129 proposes to prohibit the harvesting of elvers by making it illegal to take, possess or sell eel that is less than 6 inches in length.

**LD 142**

**An Act to Eliminate the Student Lobster License**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> PERKINS		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 142 proposed to eliminate the student lobster and crab fishing license.

**LD 145**

**An Act to Withdraw from the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission and the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Compact**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> PERKINS		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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