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**STATE OF MAINE
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**BILL SUMMARIES
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ON
INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

JULY 1999

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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).

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.

Resolve 1999, chapter 8 allows the Maine Warden Service to return to Carolyn Bidwell the all-terrain vehicle she donated to the service in May 1991.

LD 473

An Act to Clarify the Laws Pertaining to the Importation of Fish

PUBLIC 315

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> KILKELLY DUNLAP		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-249
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LD 473 proposed to clarify the authority of the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to deny an importation permit if it is determined that the species poses a significant risk to the health, habitat or genetic integrity of any native species of fish or other organisms. This bill was submitted on behalf of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-249) proposed to clarify the authority of the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to deny importation permits if it is determined that a species poses an unreasonable risk to any species of fish or other organism after reviewing fish health, habitat and population management issues. The amendment further proposed to clarify that the commissioner has no authority to issue permits governing any aspect of the commercial aquaculture of Atlantic salmon. The amendment proposed to provide that the commissioner may adopt rules allowing the importation of certain species of tropical fish and goldfish without a permit, for aquarium purposes only.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 315 clarifies the authority of the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to deny importation permits if it is determined that a species poses an unreasonable risk to any species of fish or other organism after reviewing fish health, habitat and population management issues. The law further clarifies that the commissioner has no authority to issue permits governing any aspect of the commercial aquaculture of Atlantic salmon. The law provides that the commissioner may adopt rules allowing the importation of certain species of tropical fish and goldfish without a permit, for aquarium purposes only.

LD 480

An Act Regarding Hunting on One's Own Land

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> KILKELLY DUNLAP		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 480 proposed to increase the minimum parcel size that authorizes a landowner to hunt on that parcel without a license from 10 to 25 acres and to repeal the requirement that the land only be used for agricultural purposes. This bill also proposed to require that the parcel be open to hunting in order for the landowner to be able to hunt on that parcel without a license.