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**STATE OF MAINE
119TH LEGISLATURE**

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

**BILL SUMMARIES
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

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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.

LD 730

An Act to Allow Certain Disabled Persons to Fly-fish With Open-faced Reels

CARRIED OVER

Sponsor(s)
BERRY R

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

LD 730 proposes to require the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to adopt rules that permit physically disabled persons to fly-fish with an open-faced reel if their disability would prevent them from fly-fishing without the use of this type of reel.

LD 737

An Act to Extend the Open Water Fishing Season

PUBLIC 319

Sponsor(s)
DUNLAP

Committee Report
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted
H-513

LD 737 proposed to open up all the State's waters to open water fishing at all times that the waters are naturally free from ice. The bill proposed to require salmonids to be caught with artificial lures and flies between October 1st and April 1st and that the salmonids be released immediately after being caught.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-513) proposed to replace the bill. The amendment proposed to broaden the authority of the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife with respect to extending the open-water fishing season. The amendment also proposed to require the commissioner to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by February 15, 2000 on any rule-making activities taken or anticipated under that new authority.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 319 broadens the authority of the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife with respect to extending the open-water fishing season. The law also requires the commissioner to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by February 15, 2000 on any rule-making activities taken or anticipated under that new authority.

LD 747

An Act to Prohibit Hunting of Migratory Waterfowl on Round Pond in Union

ONTP

Sponsor(s)
SAVAGE C

Committee Report
ONTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 747 proposed to provide that a person is guilty of hunting waterfowl on Round Pond if that person hunts any migratory waterfowl on Round Pond in the Town of Union, County of Knox, from the inlet at Union Fairground to the outlet at True's Bridge on State Highway #235.