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**STATE OF MAINE  
119TH LEGISLATURE**

**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

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

**JULY 2000**

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**ONE HUNDRED NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE**  
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**Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees**  
**July 2000**

We are pleased to provide this summary of 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:

- 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
- FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE*..... Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote
- FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE*..... Bill failed to get majority vote
- FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT*..... Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote
- 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 Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is August 11, 2000.

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**LD 2284**

**An Act to Maintain the Eel and Elver Management Fund and Regulate Permits for Eel Weirs**

**PUBLIC 549**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DUNLAP	OTP	

LD 2284 proposed to maintain the Eel and Elver Management Fund as well as the moratorium on permitting eel weirs that was enacted in 1996 and to authorizes the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to adopt routine technical rules regulating the issuance of eel weir permits.

***Enacted law summary***

Public Law 1999, chapter 549 authorizes the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to adopt routine technical rules regulating the issuance of eel weir permits.

**LD 2310**

**An Act to Change the Name in the Statutes of a Native American Organization Able to Issue Hunting and Fishing Licenses**

**PUBLIC 558  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PARADIS MARTIN	OTP	

LD 2310 proposed to change the name of the organization that issues hunting, trapping and fishing licenses to Native Americans from the Central Maine Indian Association to "Wesget-Suppo."

***Enacted law summary***

Public Law 1999, chapter 558 changes the name of the organization that issues hunting, trapping and fishing licenses to Native Americans from the Central Maine Indian Association to "Wesget-Suppo." This reference was corrected to "Wesget-Sipu" in Public Law 1999, chapter 790, the Judiciary Committee's Errors and Inconsistencies bill (see Judiciary Committee summaries, LD 2334).

Public Law 1999, chapter 558 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 15, 2000.

**LD 2346**

**An Act to Extend the Time Period for Municipalities to Make Recommendations Concerning Great Pond Surface Use Restrictions**

**PUBLIC 701  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
THOMPSON	OTP-AM	H-883 S-571 TREAT

LD 2346 proposed to extend by one year the time period in which municipalities can make recommendations to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife about surface use restrictions on great ponds within or bordering on those municipalities.