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Bill Summaries

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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees

Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the joint standing and joint 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 committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills considered by the committees. It is arranged alphabetically by committee name 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:

<i>CARRIED OVER PURSUANT TO HP 1212</i>	<i>Bills carried over to the 2nd Regular Session</i>
<i>CON RES XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i>	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</i>	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED IN CONCURRENCE</i>	<i>One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i>	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<i>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<i>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY</i>	<i>Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<i>ONTP</i>	<i>Ought Not To Pass report accepted</i>
<i>OTP-ND</i>	<i>Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft</i>
<i>P&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
<i>PASSED</i>	<i>Joint Order passed in both bodies</i>
<i>PUBLIC XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of finally passed Resolve</i>
<i>UNSIGNED</i>	<i>Bill held by Governor</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>

Please note that the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is September 13, 2003.

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Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

LD 127 **An Act Regarding the Publication of Trapping Rules** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> BRYANT DUNLAP	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 127 proposed to require the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to publish trapping rules separately from hunting rules and that the department published rules on paper that was uniform in size and weight.

LD 128 **An Act to Provide Funding for a Full-time Warden to Monitor Brandy Pond in the Town of Naples and to Allow the Town to Enact a Noise Level Ordinance** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> BENNETT R CRESSEY	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 128 proposed to do the following:

1. Provide funding for one Game Warden position to monitor Brandy Pond in the Town of Naples; and
2. Authorize the Town of Naples to adopt a watercraft noise level ordinance for Brandy Pond.

LD 129 **Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Conduct a Programmatic Review within Certain Areas of the Department** **RESOLVE 71
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> BRYANT DUNLAP	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-125
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LD 129 proposed to require the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to conduct a programmatic review of the Bureau of Administrative Services. It proposed to require the commissioner to contract with an experienced firm to assess and evaluate the department's Bureau of Administrative Services.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-125) proposed to replace the resolve. It proposed to require the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to conduct a programmatic review of the Division of Public Information and Education, Bureau of Warden Service, Bureau of Administrative Services and the State's wildlife management program. It also proposed to require the commissioner to contract with an experienced firm to assess and evaluate these areas of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. Additionally, it proposed to require the department to fund the review with funding outside the General Fund and would require a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by January 4, 2005. Finally, it proposed to add an emergency preamble and emergency clause.

Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2003, chapter 71 requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to contract with an experienced firm to conduct a programmatic review of the Division of Public Information and Education, Bureau of Warden Service, Bureau of Administrative Services and the State's wildlife management program. The department must fund the review with funding outside the General Fund. The department shall submit a single report to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by January 4, 2005, regarding work conducted and the findings and recommendations determined pursuant to this resolve.

Resolve 2003, chapter 71 was passed as an emergency measure effective June 9, 2003.

LD 130 **Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Conduct a Programmatic Review of the Bureau of Warden Service** **ONTP**

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

LD 130 proposed to require the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to conduct a programmatic review of the Bureau of Warden Service. The commissioner would contract with an experienced firm to assess and evaluate the department's warden service.

LD 131 **Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Conduct a Programmatic Review of the State's Wildlife Management Program** **ONTP**

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

LD 131 proposed to require the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to conduct a programmatic review of the department's wildlife management program. The commissioner would contract with an experienced firm to assess and evaluate the wildlife management program.

LD 136 **An Act to Limit the Articles of Hunter Orange Clothing Required to a Hunter Orange Hat** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BRYANT	ONTP	

LD 136 proposed to change the requirement for wearing 2 articles of hunter orange clothing, one of which must be a hat, to only needing to wear a hunter orange hat.