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*State Of Maine
122nd Legislature*

*First Regular Session and
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Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife*

August 2005

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Summary of Legislation Considered by the Joint Standing Committees
August 2005

Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the joint standing 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 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. A subject index for each committee is included immediately before the bill summaries for that committee, and a numerical index by LD number is included 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
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 First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is June 29, 2005; and for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Special Session is September 17, 2005.

Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

LD 857

An Act To Increase Fines for Unregistered ATVs

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> FINCH		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 857 proposed to increase the minimum fine for operating an unregistered ATV from \$100 to \$200.

LD 858

An Act To Establish an All-terrain Vehicle Trail Pass System

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> FINCH		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 858, a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208, proposed to create an all-terrain vehicle trail pass system administered by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, with revenues shared by the department and registered all-terrain vehicle clubs.

LD 865

Resolve, To Improve the Information and Education Services of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> WATSON		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 865 proposed to require the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to do the following:

1. Assign staff from within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Division of Public Information and Education to act as liaisons with the Bureau of Resource Management and the Bureau of Administrative Services;
2. Conduct an internal review of the Division of Public Information and Education prior to developing a specific comprehensive plan for that division;
3. Create and fill 3 new positions within the Division of Public Information and Education;
4. Place in each regional office an employee from the Division of Public Information and Education to work closely with field personnel on communications and public outreach;
5. Develop a department wide communication plan and marketing strategy; and
6. Consider using the federal aid apportionment for aquatic education to enhance the aquatic education program within the Division of Public Information and Education.