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Summaries of bills and adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 123rd Maine Legislature coming from the

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

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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL SUMMARIES AND ENACTED LAWS



This *Legislative Digest of Bill Summaries and Enacted Laws* summarizes all bills and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 123rd Maine Legislature, which was in session from December 6, 2006 to June 21, 2007.

The *Digest* is arranged alphabetically by committee, and within each committee by LD number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor and lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are summarized and listed by paper number. A subject index is included with each committee. The appendices include a summary of relevant session statistics, an index of all bills by LD number and an index of enacted laws by law type and chapter number.

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 (or Accepted ONTP report).....	Ought Not To Pass report accepted
OTP-ND.....	Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft
P&S XXX.....	Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
PASSED.....	Joint Order passed in both bodies
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 that the effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session is **September 20, 2007**. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure is specified in the enacted law summary for those bills.

Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

separate lake and river protection sticker for watercraft registered in Maine. Watercraft registered outside of Maine will still be required to display the separate lake and river protection sticker when operating in the inland waters of the state.

LD 162 An Act To Require the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Track All Stocking and Transfers of Fish ONTP

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

LD 162 requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to track and record all stocking and transfers of fish in inland waters and to make that information publicly available.

LD 163 An Act To Prohibit the Use of Blackchin Shiners as Baitfish PUBLIC 159

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WATSON	OTP-AM MAJ OTP MIN	H-66

LD 163 prohibits the use of the eastern silvery minnow, the emerald shiner, the spottail shiner and the blackchin shiner as bait fish in inland waters of the state.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-66)

This committee amendment prohibits only the use of blackchin shiners as baitfish in inland waters.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 159 prohibits the use of blackchin shiners as baitfish in the inland waters of the state.

LD 164 An Act To Require the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Fin-clip All Stocked Fish ONTP

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

LD 164 requires that all fish stocked by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife in the inland waters be fin-clipped prior to release.

LD 165 An Act To Designate the Arctic Charr as a State Heritage Fish PUBLIC 21

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WATSON	OTP-AM	H-14

LD 165 establishes *Salvelinus alpinus oquassa*, a distinct subspecies of the arctic charr known in Maine as the blueback charr, as a state heritage fish. It also requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to adopt by rule a list of all state heritage fish waters and requirements.

Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Committee Amendment "A" (H-14)

This committee amendment provides that each fish listed as a state heritage fish has a list of state heritage fish waters specific to that fish. It also clarifies that a person may not use in or possess on a state heritage fish water live fish as bait.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 21 establishes *Salvelinus alpinus oquassa*, a distinct subspecies of the arctic charr known in Maine as the blueback charr, as a state heritage fish. It requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to adopt by rule a list of all arctic charr waters and prohibits a person from possessing or using live fish as bait in or on state heritage fish waters.

LD 166 An Act To Require the Standardization of Fishing Rules

ONTP

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

LD 166 requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to adopt a coding system for the department's annual fishing regulations abstract that assigns codes for all fishing regulations.

LD 167 An Act To Allow Military Personnel Stationed in Maine To Register All-terrain Vehicles As Residents

PUBLIC 70

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LANSLEY	OTP-AM	H-58

LD 167 allows a member of the Armed Forces of the United States who is permanently stationed at a military or naval post, station or base in Maine or the spouse or child of that member to register an ATV in Maine at the cost of a resident registration. The registration fees attributable to such a registration are allocated to the municipality in which the military or naval post, station or base is located.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-58)

This committee amendment adds clarifying language to the bill and removes the requirement that ATV registration fees be allocated to the municipality in which the post, station or base is located.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 70 allows a member of the Armed Forces of the United States who is permanently stationed at a military or naval post, station or base in Maine or the spouse or child of that member to register an ATV in Maine at the cost of a resident registration.

LD 175 An Act To Fund Youth Conservation Education

PUBLIC 161
EMERGENCY

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RAYE	OTP-AM	S-61 S-79 BRYANT B