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Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed
during the Second Regular or First Special Sessions 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 Second Regular or First Special Sessions of the 123rd Maine Legislature.

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:

<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; bill died</i>
<i>ONTP (or Accepted ONTP report)</i>	<i>Ought Not To Pass report accepted; bill died</i>
<i>P&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</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>

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Regular Session (R2) is June 30, 2008. The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Special Session (S1) is July 18, 2008.¹ The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure is specified in the enacted law summary for those bills. Any bill summarized in this document having an LD number less than 1932 was a bill carried over from the First Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature.

¹ The session in which each law was enacted or finally passed (R2 or S1) is included in Appendix C.

Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

- hunting, fishing or trapping license or registering a recreational vehicle to make those resident requirements consistent with other residency requirements in other provisions of law;
2. Allows the issuance of one lifetime license that covers all hunting licenses and permits;
 3. Authorizes the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to revoke any license, permit or registration issued to a person by the department who fails to pay the required fee;
 4. Makes a registration fee change that was inadvertently omitted during recent fee adjustments. This makes the all-terrain vehicle transfer fee consistent with those for snowmobiles and watercraft;
 5. Gives the courts the ability to revoke hunting and fishing licenses of persons found guilty of dumping litter in wildlife management areas and sanctuaries;
 6. Repeals the laws establishing the Whitewater Safety Committee and puts the duties of that committee under the Advisory Board for the Licensing of Whitewater Guides;
 7. Amends current law to clarify that the complimentary licenses issued to family members of a game warden killed in the line of duty include a trapping license and all licenses, permits, stamps and other permissions needed to hunt;
 8. Clarifies that complimentary hunting licenses issued to resident disabled veterans include all licenses, permits, stamps and other permissions needed to hunt, fish and trap;
 9. Provides that a person may operate a snowmobile registered online without displaying a registration number until that person receives the registration certificate from the department or for 30 days after registering the snowmobile online, whichever occurs first;
 10. Provides a definition for "snowmobile trail" for purposes of the prohibition on operating a snowmobile left of the center on a snowmobile trail;
 11. Changes the repeal date of the law that allows smelting on Mud Brook from July 1, 2009 to July 1, 2012; and
 12. Repeals provisions of the law that require certain reports regarding endangered species, whitewater rafting, gill nets, the Maine Wildlife Park Fund and the Saco River Corridor Fund to be submitted to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters.

Public Law 2007, chapter 651 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 18, 2008.

LD 2031 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Whitewater Rafting Allocation System

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 2031 changes the conditions under which a commercial whitewater outfitter's allocation for taking passengers on whitewater trips is subject to forfeiture or suspension by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. The bill provides that an allocation is subject to forfeiture or suspension by the department only if the outfitter fails to maintain the conditions of its license or for the protection of public safety.