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**STATE OF MAINE**  
125<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
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Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed

**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 LDs and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 125<sup>th</sup> Maine Legislature.

The *Digest* is arranged alphabetically by committee and within each committee by Legislative Document (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor and lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each LD 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 LD is noted to the right of the LD title. The following describes the various final actions.

*CARRIED OVER* ..... carried over to a subsequent session of the Legislature  
*CON RES XXX*..... chapter # of constitutional resolution passed by both houses  
*CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE*..... Committee of Conference unable to agree; legislation died  
*DIED BETWEEN HOUSES*..... House & Senate disagreed; legislation died  
*DIED IN CONCURRENCE*..... defeated in each house, but on different motions; legislation died  
*DIED ON ADJOURNMENT*..... action incomplete when session ended; legislation died  
*EMERGENCY*..... enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment  
*FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE* ..... emergency failed to receive required 2/3 vote  
*FAILED, ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE*..... failed to receive final majority vote  
*FAILED, MANDATE ENACTMENT* ..... legislation proposing local mandate failed required 2/3 vote  
*HELD BY GOVERNOR*..... Governor has not signed; final disposition to be determined at subsequent session  
*LEAVE TO WITHDRAW*..... sponsor's request to withdraw legislation granted  
*NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY* ..... ruled out of order by the presiding officer; legislation died  
*INDEF PP*..... indefinitely postponed; legislation died  
*ONTP, ACCEPTED, MAJORITY, MINORITY or REPORT X*... ought-not-to-pass report accepted; legislation died  
*P&S XXX*..... chapter # of enacted private & special law  
*PUBLIC XXX*..... chapter # of enacted public Law  
*RESOLVE XXX*..... chapter # of finally passed resolve  
*VETO SUSTAINED*..... Legislature failed to override Governor's veto

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session of the 125<sup>th</sup> Legislature is September 28, 2011. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure may be found in the enacted law summary for that legislation.

***Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife***

**LD 792      Resolve, Establishing a Task Force To Examine the Decline in the  
Number of Nonresident Hunters**

**RESOLVE 51**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PLOWMAN	OTP-AM	S-76

This resolve authorizes the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to examine the decline in the number of nonresident hunters by establishing a task force consisting of guides and outfitters, tourism officials, a person from each tourism region, a marketing director from the department and a nonresident sportsman and a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by December 1, 2011.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-76)**

The bill required that an unspecified number of guides and outfitters be invited to participate in the task force. This amendment specifies that an organization identified by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife is invited to select 3 guides and 3 outfitters for the task force. It clarifies that the Department of Economic and Community Development shall select one representative from the Maine Tourism Commission, and it adds the Director of the Office of Tourism to the membership of the task force. This amendment also adds to the duties of the task force the examination of national trends regarding nonresident hunters over the last 5 years.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Resolve 2011, chapter 51 authorizes the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to examine the decline in the number of nonresident hunters and the national trends regarding nonresident hunters over the past 5 years by establishing a task force consisting of guides and outfitters, tourism officials, a person from each tourism region, a marketing director from the department and a nonresident sportsman. It also requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to report its findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by December 1, 2011.

**LD 810      An Act To Allow Hunting on Sunday in Certain Wildlife Management  
Districts**

**ONTP**

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

This bill allows hunting on Sundays in wildlife management districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 14 for any species during the open season on that species.

**LD 833      An Act To Restrict Permits Available to the Holder of a Super Pack  
License**

**PUBLIC 252**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KNIGHT SAVIELLO	OTP-AM	H-345