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**LD 6 Act to Allow Persons to Label Their Wild Animal Traps with Their Online Identification
Number Issued by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife**

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 64 allows a person to label that person's trap set for any wild animal with that person's trapping online licensing system identification number issued by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

LD 27 An Act to Amend and Simplify Certain Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Licensing and Permitting Laws

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 126 changes the provisions of law governing the right of a resident and the resident's immediate family to hunt, trap or fish without a license on land on which they are legally domiciled so that all of the provisions require the land to be 10 or more contiguous acres in size. Public Law 2025, chapter 126 also repeals the provisions requiring that the land be used exclusively for agricultural purposes in order for the resident and the resident's immediately family to hunt, trap or fish on the land without a license. Public Law 2025, chapter 126 makes changes to the list of persons considered to be family members in moose permit transfers and moose permit deferments by removing "adopted child" from the list because "child" is already on the list and encompasses "adopted child"; adding "step grandchildren" to make the list more consistent with the list of family members used in moose permit deferment determinations; and adding "domestic partners" to the list of eligible family members.

LD 47 An Act to Provide an Exception to a Fishing Prohibition near the Crooked Brook Dam

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 41 establishes an exception to the 150-foot fishing setback around the Crooked Brook Dam, in the Town of Danforth in Washington County, which will allow fishing closer to the fishway but still prohibit fishing in or from the fishway for safety reasons.

Public Law 2025, chapter 41 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 25, 2025.

LD 95 An Act to Amend and Simplify Certain Wildlife Laws

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 333 repeals certain provisions of law related to special regulations regarding deer hunting seasons that are now redundant due to that language being placed in