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INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

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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

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Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife rule. Public Law 2025, chapter 333 also reorganizes certain laws regarding rulemaking related to open and closed seasons for deer hunting, clarifies the distinctions between the expanded archery season and a special hunting season and corrects cross-references. Finally, Public Law 2025, chapter 333 designates location data regarding species of special concern confidential in statute in the same manner as location data regarding threatened and endangered species and removes outdated language in current law regarding public records exceptions.

### **LD 101 Resolve, to Convene a Working Group to Examine the Classification of and Access to Public Records Maintained by Certain State Agencies**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2025, chapter 37 directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to convene a working group, composed of representatives from specified state agencies and the Right to Know Advisory Committee, to examine the classification of and access to public records maintained by certain state agencies. Resolve 2025, chapter 37 also directs the working group to, no later than January 14, 2026, submit a report that includes the working group's findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary, the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources and the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety and authorizes each committee to report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature based on the report.

### **LD 139 Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Study Establishing a Program for the Electronic Tagging of Deer**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2025, chapter 32 directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to study and establish a plan for a program for the electronic tagging of deer and report back to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife no later than January 14, 2026. The law also gives the committee the authority to report out a bill based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

### **LD 157 An Act to Amend Certain Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Laws**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2025, chapter 132 makes the following changes to the laws governing inland fisheries and wildlife.