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INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

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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confidential in statute in the same manner as location data regarding threatened and endangered species and removes outdated language in current law regarding public records exceptions.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.