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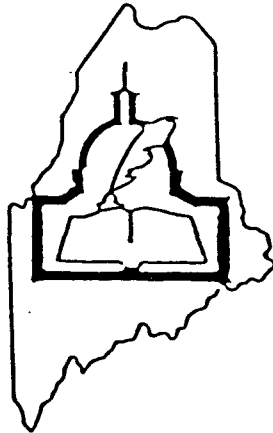
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FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE
BILL SUMMARY



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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the Second Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.

All Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor if it is a floor amendment or the designation "CA" if it is a committee amendment. If the amendment was adopted in the House, the letter H appears after the sponsor. If it was adopted in the Senate, the letter S appears.

Final action for each bill is listed to the right of the title. If final House action and Senate action differ, both are listed.

Key to Committee Reports and Floor Action:

OTP	Ought to Pass
OTP-ND	Ought to Pass in New Draft
OTP-ND-NT	Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title
OTP-AM	Ought to Pass as Amended
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw
INDEF PP	Indefinitely Postponed

Sponsor: JACQUES, Matthews Z, Walker
Committee Report: OTP-A

H-522 CA H S
H-523 CB
H-544 DUFFY
H-545 CLARK H

SUMMARY: This bill allowed watercraft to be registered locally and required yearly rather than bi-annual registration. There was to be a \$1 agent fee and \$4 to the Department, which was \$1 over the previous system, ie the previous system was \$6 for 2 years. Prior to this bill, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife registered all watercraft at the Augusta office.

Prior to the bill there were two major problems associated with registering watercraft at one central location in Augusta:

- (1) Many applications were incomplete and had to be returned to the boat owner, and
- (2) Boat owners often had to wait for up to three weeks for their registrations because of the thousands of "last minute" applications which flooded the office each spring.

The sponsors felt that local registration of watercraft on an annual basis will resolve many of the problems and will also assist in the collection of the locally paid yearly excise tax.

Under the provisions of this bill, the Department would continue to be responsible for the registration of watercraft. They will receive monthly reports and revenue collections from the municipal agents and send out pre-printed renewal forms. However, the renewals would be sent to the towns rather than to individual boat owners. In short, the mechanics of the system would be much the same as with the registration of motor vehicles.

Committee Amendment A added a fiscal note.

Committee Amendment B reduced the registration fee from \$4 to \$3 a year.

House Amendment A reduced the registration fee to \$3.50 and the agent fee from \$1.00 to \$.50.

House Amendment B was the same as Committee Amendment B.

LD AN ACT TO MODIFY AND UPDATE CERTAIN LAWS ND LD 2286
1759 PERTAINING TO INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

Sponsor: MATTHEWS Z, Clark H, Smith C W, Duffy
Committee Report: OTP-ND LD 2286

SUMMARY: See new draft, LD 2286

LD AN ACT TO REVISE THE STATUTES PERTAINING TO USE ND LD 2169
1767 AND SALE OF LIVE FISH AS BAIT

Sponsor: MATTHEWS Z, Walker, Clark H, Duffy
Committee Report: OTP-ND LD 2169

SUMMARY: See new draft, LD 2169

LD AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A ONE-DAY FISHING LICENSE ND LD 2042
1798

Sponsor: ROTONDI, Smith C B, Lander, Connors
Committee Report: OTP-ND LD 2042

SUMMARY: See new draft, LD 2042.

LD AN ACT TO IMPROVE WHITEWATER RAFTING PL 1985
1809 c. 571

Sponsor: MCGOWAN
Committee Report: OTP-A

H-526 CA H S

SUMMARY: This bill was an outgrowth of a study by the Department of Conservation that was statutorily mandated in the original rafting legislation.