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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

LD
2084

AN ACT TO REPEAL THE PHEASANT STAMP

ONTP

Sponsor: USHER
Committee Report: ONTP

SUMMARY: This bill sought to discontinue the pheasant stamp.

Since pheasants are not usually successful in surviving Maine winters to reproduce in the wild, the pheasant stocking program has been primarily a "put and take" venture.

For the last several years, as a result of a legislative mandate, the Department has limited spending on the pheasant program to the level of revenue generated by pheasant stamp sales. Sales of pheasant stamps have steadily declined in recent years from a high of \$25,155 in 1979. Last year pheasant stamps generated only \$9,700 and allowed for the purchase of only 1,735 six week old birds. These birds were distributed to interested cooperators (mostly fish and game clubs) who raised the birds at their own expense and released them into the wild under the direction of Department people. It was testified that the availability of only 1,735 pheasants on a statewide basis amounts to looking for a "needle in a haystack".

Several fish and game clubs testified against the bill. Their concern was that non-members would shoot pheasants raised by the clubs without having contributed to the raising.

LD
2149

AN ACT TO IMPROVE BOATING SAFETY AND PUBLIC
ACCESS TO THE STATE'S PUBLIC WATERS

ONTP

Sponsor: DIAMOND G, Rolde, Erwin P, McPherson
Committee Report: ONTP

SUMMARY: This bill sought to transfer responsibility for marking and regulating inland water from the Department of Conservation to the Department of Fisheries & Wildlife. Some funds would be included in the transfer and the remainder would be used to provide additional public access to inland waters. The funds transferred to Fisheries & Wildlife would not be allocated for marking navigational hazards but instead be used for boater safety education.