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SECOND REGULAR SESSION



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ON  
FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

MAY 1988

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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
BILL SUMMARIES  
MAY 1988**

*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. The summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.*

*All Adopted Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action is listed to the right of the title. If final House and Senate action differ, both are listed. Committee Reports and Floor Action are indicated as follows::*

<b>OTP</b>	<b>Ought to Pass</b>
<b>OTP-ND</b>	<b>Ought to Pass in New Draft</b>
<b>OTP-ND-NT</b>	<b>Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title</b>
<b>OTP-A</b>	<b>Ought to Pass as Amended</b>
<b>ONTP</b>	<b>Ought Not to Pass</b>
<b>LVWD</b>	<b>Leave to Withdraw</b>
<b>INDEF PP</b>	<b>Indefinitely Postponed</b>

*Each individual summary was prepared by the analyst assigned, as noted for each committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including Secretaries: Charlene Brann, Janet Jean, Earl Knox, Valarie Parlin; Research Assistant Hartley Palleschi. Finally, Secretary Laurette Knox, Legal Assistant Carolyn Chick, and Research Assistant Robert Dunn had special responsibilities in the preparation of the overall document.*

*Please give us your suggestions and comments on these summaries and tell us of any inaccuracies.*

The bill also increases the size of the Advisory Board for the Licensing of Guides to ensure that several members are recreation-oriented.

The laws covering camp trip leaders are reorganized and amended to require the department to develop standards to define when a trip is considered unsafe.

A committee amendment (H-611) changes the required date for the department to promulgate rules and included an allocation for public members of the Advisory Board for the Licensing of Guides.

A Senate Amendment (S-421) corrects several technical problems and a House Amendment (H-654) guaranteed that all licenses sold before the effective date of the Act would remain in effect until they expired.

**LD 2446** RESOLVE, to Establish the Special Commission on Boating RESOLVE  
111  
EMERGENCY

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
SIMPSON	OTP-AM	H-618
STANLEY		S-539 PEARSON
CLARK H		
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SUMMARY

This bill proposes to establish a special commission on boating safety. A tremendous increase in recreational boating has fueled many conflicts between user groups on Maine's rivers and lakes. The department has recently completed a comprehensive boating plan which addresses many of these problems.

A committee amendment included an emergency preamble on the bill, removed per diem expenses for commission members and made technical changes to the fiscal note.

**LD 2460** An Act to Make Supplemental Allocations to the Department of P & S  
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife for the Fiscal Years Ending 112  
June 30, 1988 and June 30, 1989 EMERGENCY

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
GREENLAW	OTP	
BRAWN		

SUMMARY

The Department's Biennial Budget which was enacted during the First Regular Session of the 113th Legislature, included an allocation for \$160,000 in each of the two years to accommodate a transfer of federal funds from the Department of Conservation to acquire and maintain motorboat access sites. However, only \$80,000 of this money (\$40,000 annually) was allocated in the State account; the remainder was allocated in the Federal Account.

Since federal reimbursement for up to 75% of the cost of these types of projects is contingent upon an initial expenditure of State funds, the bill