

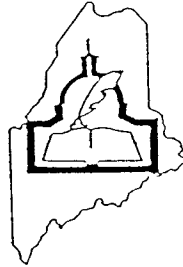
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**One Hundred and Fourteenth Legislature
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**Joint Standing Committee
Bill Summaries**

June 1990

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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. Committee Reports and Floor Action are abbreviated as follows:

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Ought to Pass
Ought to Pass in New Draft
Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title
Ought to Pass as Amended
Ought Not to Pass
Leave to Withdraw
Indefinitely Postponed

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Joint Standing Committee on Fisheries & Wildlife

LD 1998 **An Act to Ensure Equal Access for Commercial Outfitters to
Maine's Natural River Resources**

ONTP

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COMMITTEE REPORT

ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill sought to amend the law governing commercial whitewater outfitters. It would have:

1. Eliminated the waiver of liability insurance provision and required all outfitters to carry liability insurance and post a bond with the State; eliminated restrictions on the sale of an outfitter's business assuming that the annual allocation established in this bill would be of minimal market value; and eliminated the so-called "affiliated companies" loophole;
2. Modified the order of launch provision by establishing an annual random drawing system to determine launch positions; established a 1,000-person commercial use limit on the Dead River; and established an 800-person commercial use limit for Sundays on the Kennebec River;
3. Established a new allocation system by dividing up positions equally among all the qualified applicants; created an objective point system to ensure that outfitters meet established guidelines in filling allocations; and reduced the allocation period;
4. Eliminated the so-called "emergency swap" loophole which permits outfitters to shift allocated Penobscot River trips and unallocated Dead River trips over to the Kennebec River when water conditions are not suitable for rafting; and
5. Eliminated the provision which allows an outfitter to exceed an allocation because the outfitter is overbooked.

See LD 2281 for related bill.

LD 2006 **An Act Concerning the Composition of the Advisory Council to
the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife**

LV/WD

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COMMITTEE REPORT

LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have increased the membership of the advisory council to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife from 8 to 10 and reapportioned the membership to achieve a more equal statewide representation.

See LD 2149 for related bill.