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**STATE OF MAINE
115TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION
AND
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
AND
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES
AUGUST 1991**

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 volume is organized alphabetically by committee; within each committee, the summaries are arranged by LD number. A subject index is provided at the beginning of each committee's summaries.

All adopted amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H - 584 or S - 222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action on each bill is listed to the right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

PUBLIC XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
P&S XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
RESOLVE XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
CON RES XXX	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
EMERGENCY	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
CARRIED OVER	<i>Bill carried over to 2nd Session</i>
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT	<i>Bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
ONTP	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
LVWD	<i>Leave to Withdraw report accepted</i>
INDEF PP	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
VETO SUSTAINED	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
UNSIGNED	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT	<i>Action incomplete when 1st session ended</i>

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including secretaries: Charlene Raymond and Valarie Parlin, and especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

If you have any suggestions or comments on these summaries, please let us know.

LD 654

An Act to Prevent Immediate Fishing in Recently Stocked Streams, Brooks or Ponds

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)
TITCOMB
JACQUES
TRACY
ROTONDI

COMMITTEE REPORT
LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill proposed to prohibit fishing in stocking areas for a period of 48 hours following the stocking of fish.

LD 679

An Act Concerning Ice Fishing

DIED BETWEEN BODIES

SPONSOR(S)
RUHLIN
DUFFY
MARSH

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM MAJ
ONTP MIN

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill proposed to require the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to establish alternate-year opening and closing of certain ponds to ice fishing. The bill also proposed to establish a 2-line limit for ice fishing on great ponds managed for cold-water species. The committee's majority report amendment (H-132) struck the language of the bill and proposed instead to lower the ice fishing line limit on Class B waters from 5 lines to 3 lines. The amendment proposed to permit the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to set a different line limit not to exceed 5 lines. This provision would have been repealed on June 30, 1993.

LD 723

An Act to Conform the State Endangered Species Protection Laws with Those of the Federal Government

ONTP

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BALDACCI
GOULD R A

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill proposed to limit the authority of the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife with regard to the adoption of guidelines for the protection of endangered and threatened species. The bill proposed to require that State regulation be no more restrictive than federal regulations adopted under the federal Endangered Species Protection Act. The federal Act permits and encourages State laws to be more restrictive.

LD 729

An Act Concerning Surveys Conducted by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)
BRAWN

COMMITTEE REPORT
LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill proposed to require the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to provide 6 months