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STATE OF MAINE  
118TH LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION  
AND  
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION

BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

MAY 1998

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**ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR AND SECOND SPECIAL SESSIONS**

**Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees  
May 1998**

We are pleased to provide this summary of bills that were considered by the Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature. The document is a compilation of bill summaries which describe each bill and relevant amendments, as well as the final action taken. Also included are statistical summaries of bill activity this Session for the Legislature and each of its joint standing committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills handled by the joint standing committees. It is organized by committees and within committees by bill (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are listed by paper number. Two indices, a subject index and a numerical index by LD number are provided for easy reference to bills. They are located at the back of the document. A separate publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, may also be helpful in providing information on the disposition of bills. These bill summaries also are available at the Law and Legislative Reference Library and on the Internet ([www.state.me.us/legis/opla](http://www.state.me.us/legis/opla)).

Final action on each bill is noted to the right of the bill title. The abbreviations used for various categories of final action are as follows:

- CON RES XXX*..... Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses
- CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE*.....Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died
- DIED BETWEEN BODIES*.....House & Senate disagree; bill died
- DIED IN CONCURRENCE*.....One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill
- DIED ON ADJOURNMENT*.....Action incomplete when session ended; bill died
- EMERGENCY*.....Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days
- FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE*.....Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote
- FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE*.....Bill failed to get majority vote
- FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT*.....Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote
- INDEF PP*.....Bill Indefinitely Postponed
- ONTP*..... Ought Not To Pass report accepted
- OTP ND*..... Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft
- OTP ND/NT*..... Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title
- P&S XXX*..... Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
- PUBLIC XXX*..... Chapter # of enacted Public Law
- RESOLVE XXX*..... Chapter # of finally passed Resolve
- UNSIGNED*.....Bill held by Governor
- VETO SUSTAINED*.....Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is June 30, 1998 and July 9, 1998 for the Second Special Session. Second Special Session laws include Public Laws beginning with Chapter 718, Private and Special Laws beginning with Chapter 82 and Resolves beginning with Chapter 117.

## Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

**LD 152**

**An Act to Create a 3-Person Regional Fisheries and Wildlife  
Advisory Council within Each Resource Management  
Administrative Region**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
UNDERWOOD	ONTP	

LD 152 proposed to reorganizes the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council from 10 members based on county representation to 7 members selected from the resource management regions established by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

This bill also proposed to create 3-member regional councils within each resource management region for the purpose of enhancing local input into fisheries and wildlife issues of local and statewide interest. The member of the state advisory council from each region is a member and chair of that region's local council. The other 2 members of a regional council are selected by the advisory council. Regional councils are required to hold at least 2 meetings each calendar year and to provide reasonable public notice of each meeting. All members serve without compensation.

The bill also proposed to repeal an existing provision of law granting the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife voting authority for the purpose of breaking a tie.

**LD 368**

**An Act to Allow the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to  
Create Lifetime Fishing and Hunting Licenses**

**PUBLIC 679**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CHICK	OTP-AM MAJ	H-1013
HALL	ONTP MIN	H-1036 UNDERWOOD

LD 368 proposed to authorize the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to establish and maintain an endowment fund to allow the issuance of lifetime hunting and fishing licenses.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-101)** replaced the bill and was the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. The amendment proposed a more detailed framework for implementation of lifetime licenses for specific age groups.

This amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

**House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-1036)** clarifies that the holder of a resident lifetime fishing or hunting license must comply with all the limitations and prerequisites imposed on residents the same age who hold the equivalent annual license.