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**STATE OF MAINE
118TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION
AND
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES
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ON
INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

JULY 1997

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FIRST REGULAR AND FIRST SPECIAL SESSIONS

Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
August 1997

We are pleased to provide this summary of bills that were considered by the 15 Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature staffed by this office. The document is a compilation of bill summaries which describe each bill, committee amendments and other relevant amendments, as well as the final action taken on the bill. 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 alphabetically 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).

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:

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

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is June 26, 1997 and September 19, 1997 for the First Special Session.

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LD 959

An Act to Allow Handicapped Hunters to Hunt Does without a Permit

ONTP

Sponsor(s)
ETNIER

Committee Report
ONTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 959 proposed to allow physically handicapped resident hunters to hunt antlerless deer or does without a permit or license.

LD 961

An Act to Prohibit the Use of Artificial Devices by Game Wardens for the Purpose of Causing Hunting Violations

ONTP

Sponsor(s)
CLARK
CATHCART

Committee Report
ONTP MAJ
OTP-AM MIN

Amendments Adopted

LD 961 proposed to prohibit game wardens from using artificial devices to induce a person to violate any hunting laws.

LD 993

An Act to Prohibit the Stocking of Alewives in Tripp Pond

**PUBLIC 440
EMERGENCY**

Sponsor(s)
UNDERWOOD
HALL

Committee Report
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted
H-316
H-387 UNDERWOOD

LD 993 proposed to prohibit stocking alewives in Trip Pond in Poland, Maine.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-316) proposed to prohibit the stocking of alewives in Tripp Pond in Poland, in Hogan Pond and Whitney Pond in Oxford, in any waters that drain into those ponds, in the brook that drains those ponds and in the Little Androscoggin River upstream of the Welchville dam. The amendment also proposed to repeal those provisions 90 days after the adjournment of the Second Regular Session of the 118th Legislature and to add a fiscal note to the bill.

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-387) proposed to clarify that only those provisions in the committee amendment that prohibit the stocking of alewives in Tripp Pond, Pond Brook and the Little Androscoggin River upstream of the Welchville Dam are repealed 90 days after the adjournment of the Second Regular Session of the 118th Legislature. The amendment also proposed to clarify that the existing prohibition on stocking alewives in Hogan Pond and Whitney Pond includes waters that drain into or out of those ponds.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 440 prohibits the stocking of alewives in Hogan Pond and Whitney Pond or any waters that drain into or out of those ponds. The law is effective on June 10, 1997.