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**STATE OF MAINE
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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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ON
INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing and Select Committees
August 1999

We are pleased to provide this summary of all bills that were considered by the Joint Standing and Select Committees of the Maine Legislature this past session. 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 and select committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills considered by the 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).

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:

CARRIED OVER..... *Bill carried over to Second Regular Session*
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*
ENACTMENT FAILED..... *Bill failed to get vote required for enactment or final passage*
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY..... *Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died*
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 First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is September 18, 1999.

Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

LD 8 **An Act to Allow Hunting from Motor Vehicles for Persons Limited in Their Ability to Walk** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> LIBBY		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 8 proposes to allow any person limited in the ability to walk due to arthritis or similar health conditions to hunt from motor vehicles that are not in motion. This bill was carried over to the Second Regular session of the 119th Legislature.

LD 26 **An Act to Clarify the Responsibility of a Municipality in Enforcing Personal Watercraft Regulations** **PUBLIC 313**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> PERKINS		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-510
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LD 26 proposed to clarify that a municipality is only required to assist in the enforcement of proposed regulations that a municipality submits to the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife regarding the use, operation and type of watercraft on great ponds within the jurisdiction of that municipality.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-510) proposed that a municipality must submit a description of the resources the municipality will use to enforce or assist in the enforcement of proposed regulations regarding the use, operation and type or watercraft on great ponds within the jurisdiction of that municipality.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 313 clarifies that a municipality must submit a description of the resources the municipality will use to enforce or assist in the enforcement of proposed regulations regarding the use, operation and type or watercraft on great ponds within the jurisdiction of that municipality

LD 27 **An Act to Change the Name of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> PERKINS		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP MAJ OTP MIN		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 27 proposed to change the name of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to the Department of Inland Fish and Wildlife.

LD 39 **An Act to Increase the Deer Hunting Day by 15 Minutes** **PUBLIC 457**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PERKINS	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	

LD 39 proposed to amend the twilight hunting law to allow hunting until 15 minutes after sunset.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 457 revises the twilight hunting law to allow hunting until 15 minutes after sunset

LD 40 An Act to Allow the Use of Camouflage Hunter Orange Clothing ONTP

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

LD 40 proposed to reduce the requirement to wear at least two articles of solid-colored hunter orange clothing to one article of clothing that is at least 50% hunter orange.

**LD 60 An Act to Permit the Sale of Moose Bones PUBLIC 9
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FULLER CAREY	OTP	

LD 60 proposed to allow the sale of moose bones.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 9 allows the sale of moose bones.

Chapter 9 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 11, 1999.

LD 66 An Act to Establish Licensing Requirements for Boat Operators ONTP

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

LD 66 proposed to establish licensing requirements for persons operating watercraft.

LD 83 An Act to Restrict Large Motors on Small Lakes ONTP