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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.

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

LD 83 proposed to prohibit operation of a boat with an engine of more than 10 horsepower on a body of water of 10 acres or less in area.

LD 106 An Act to Repeal Certain Laws Relating to Personal Watercraft ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CLARK	ONTP MAJ	
KIEFFER	OTP MIN	

LD 106 proposed to repeal the laws relating to personal watercraft that were passed by the 118th Legislature in the Second Special Session.

LD 110 An Act to Allow the Use of All-terrain Vehicles on the Extreme Right of a Public Way PUBLIC 310 EMERGENCY

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KNEELAND	OTP-AM	H-511
KIEFFER		

LD 110 proposed to allow the operation of ATV's on the extreme right of a public way within the built-up portion of a municipality, unorganized or incorporated township if the appropriate governmental unit has designated the public way as an ATV-access route.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-511) proposed to allow the operation of ATV's on the extreme right of a public way in any part of a municipality, if the way has been designated as an ATV-access route. It also proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 310 allows the operation of ATV's on the extreme right of a public way within any part of a municipality, unorganized or incorporated township if the appropriate governmental unit has designated the public way as an ATV-access route.

Chapter 310 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 25, 1999.

LD 126 An Act to Expand Maine's Moose Hunt CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KIEFFER		
CLARK		

LD 126 proposed to give the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife the authority to issue up to 3,000 moose permits per year beginning in 1999 and further allows moose lottery permittees to name subpermittees at the time that the permit is issued. While this bill was carried over by the committee, the Legislature enacted P. L. 402, (See LD 667) which allows 3000 permits to be drawn in 1999 and 2000.

LD 133 **An Act Regarding Portable Tree Stands** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> PERKINS		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 133 proposed to allow the use of a portable tree ladder or stand on the land of another landowner without obtaining the landowner's permission.

LD 138 **An Act to Promote the "Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs" Program** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> TRUE RUHLIN		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 138 proposed to establish a system whereby fishing license applicants may voluntarily contribute \$1 to be applied to the "Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs" program. While this bill was not enacted, the Legislature enacted Public Law 16, (See LD 618) which provides funds for the addition of a Youth Activities Coordinator, whose responsibilities will include the oversight of the "Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs" program.

LD 186 **An Act to Allow Any-deer Permits to be Transferred to Junior Hunters and Hunters 65 Years of Age or Older** **PUBLIC 141**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> DAVIS P		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-71
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LD 186 proposed to allow a juvenile to take an antlerless deer if an adult family member holds a valid antlerless deer permit and transfers the permit to the juvenile.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-71) proposed to change the term "juvenile" to "junior hunter" and further proposed to allow the transfer of antlerless deer permits to persons 65 years of age or older.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 141 allows a junior hunter to take an antlerless deer if an adult family member holds a valid antlerless deer permit and transfers the permit to the junior hunter and further allows the similar transfer of antlerless deer permits to persons 65 years of age or older.

LD 187 **An Act to Change the Dates of the Moose Hunting Season** **ONTP**