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**STATE OF MAINE
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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>
DUNLAP MICHAUD	ONTP	

LD 392 proposed to allow hunting on Sundays throughout land under the jurisdiction of the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission for small game, upland birds, wild ducks and wild geese.

LD 393 An Act to Redefine Hunting PUBLIC 147

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DUNLAP	OTP-AM	H-206

LD 393 proposed to change the definition of hunting.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-206) proposed to make further changes to the definition of hunting.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 147 changes the definition of hunting to mean to pursue, catch, take, kill or harvest wild birds or animals or to attempt to catch, take, kill or harvest wild birds or animals.

LD 394 An Act Regarding Hunting Implements PUBLIC 53

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DUNLAP MICHAUD	OTP	

LD 394 proposed to repeal the prohibition on the use of swivels and pivots during hunting.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 53 repeals the prohibition on the use of swivels and pivots during hunting.

LD 397 An Act to Allow Free Access to Waters Stocked With Fish by the State ONTP

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

LD 397 proposed that fish or fish spawn raised by the State may not be introduced into any inland waters unless free access to the public is available whenever these waters are open to fishing pursuant to law.

LD 401 An Act to Promote the Hunters for the Hungry Program ONTP

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

LD 401 proposed to allow hunting license applicants to voluntarily contribute \$1 to the Hunters for the Hungry Program.

LD 402 An Act to Establish a Fishing Rules Policy ONTP

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

LD 402 proposed to prioritize the guidelines that the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife must follow to protect fish populations.

LD 404 An Act Regarding Shooting Over or From a Public Paved Way PUBLIC 219

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CROSS FERGUSON	OTP-AM	H-287

LD 404 proposed to change the current prohibition on hunting wild birds and wild animals from a public paved way to a prohibition on shooting at wild birds and wild animals from a paved way.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-287) proposed to change the prohibition of shooting across a public way to shooting.

This amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 219 LD 404 changes the current prohibition on hunting wild birds and wild animals from a public paved way to a prohibition on shooting at wild birds and wild animals from over a public paved way.

LD 419 An Act to Amend the Laws Pertaining to Turkey Hunting ONTP

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