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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.

LD 481**An Act to Keep Public Lands Open to Hunting, Fishing and Trapping****CARRIED OVER**

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

LD 481 proposes to provide that hunting, fishing and trapping must be allowed on all nonreserved public lands, reserved public lands and undeveloped areas within state parks.

LD 486**An Act Regarding Fish Stocking****PUBLIC 416**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| SAVAGE W | OTP-AM | H-607 H-665 DUNLAP |

LD 486 proposed to require that the Bureau of Resource Management within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife adopt rules pursuant to the Maine Administrative Procedure Act before stocking a water body that has not been stocked for 5 or more years or stocking a species of fish into a water body that has not previously been stocked into that water body.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-607) proposed to replace the bill. It proposed to require the Bureau of Resource Management in the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to sponsor meetings at which regional fisheries biologists will discuss the management opportunities presented by the proposed changes regarding fish stocking and the information supporting the proposed changes, as well as to receive public comments about the proposals.

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-665) proposed to clarify that when the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife determines there is a need to consider changing the long-term management objectives regarding fish stocking, the department must provide information regarding such a proposal to any person at that person's request.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 416 clarifies that when the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife determines there is a need to consider changing the long-term management objectives regarding fish stocking, the department must provide information regarding such a proposal to any person at that person's request. The law also requires the Bureau of Resource Management in the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to provide their regional fisheries biologists at these meetings to discuss the management opportunities presented by the proposed changes regarding fish stocking and the information supporting the proposed changes, as well as to receive public comments about the proposals.

LD 513**An Act to Require Resident Moose Lottery Applicants to Hold Big Game Hunting Licenses****ONTP**

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