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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.

of the permits issued as a result of this bonus lottery to be for antlerless moose, those without antlers or moose with antlers shorter than their ears. The 1999 zone allocations for the additional permits were included in this amendment.

This amendment also proposed to give the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife authority to set the length and timing of the moose season beginning in the year 2000 and the number of permits for moose hunts taking place in 2001 and later. It proposed that the commissioner shall report each year on the commissioner's proposed actions concerning management of the moose herd to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

This amendment also proposed to add an emergency preamble and an emergency clause to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 402 makes an additional 1,000 moose permits available for 1999 and 2000. These permits will be drawn at a bonus chance lottery held after the regularly scheduled lottery. Anyone who has applied for a moose permit in 1999 and 2000 who is not selected in the regular drawing will automatically be entered into the bonus chance lottery. Half of the permits issued as a result of this bonus lottery will be for antlerless moose, those without antlers or moose with antlers shorter than their ears. This legislation includes the 1999 zone allocations for the additional permits.

This law also gives the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife authority to set the length and timing of the moose season beginning in the year 2000 and the number of permits for moose hunts taking place in 2001 and later. The commissioner shall report each year on the commissioner's proposed actions concerning management of the moose herd to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

Chapter 402 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 4, 1999.

LD 701

An Act to Repeal Prior Registration for Noncommercial Whitewater Rafting Trips

ONTP

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

LD 701 proposed to repeal the requirement that noncommercial whitewater rafters register before taking trips on stretches of rivers for which allocations are made for commercial whitewater trips. It proposed to reenact under a new subsection of the statutes an existing requirement that commercial whitewater outfitters must register noncommercial passengers who travel on commercial whitewater trips that take place along stretches of river regulated by commercial allocations.

LD 728

An Act to Prohibit Closed Hunts

ONTP

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

LD 728 proposed to prohibit closed hunts and to set penalties for organizing or participating in closed hunts.