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**BILL SUMMARIES
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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>
MENDROS MILLS	ONTP	

LD 851 proposed to allow the establishment of a lottery system to allow a licensed hunter to hunt a second deer if that person receives one of 25,000 free permits in a public drawing system.

LD 854 **An Act Concerning the Use of Foot-hold Traps for Coyote in the Unorganized Territory** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CLARK DAVIS P	ONTP	

LD 854 proposed to change the requirement for visiting foot-hold traps set for coyote in unorganized places from at least once a day to at least once every 72 hours.

LD 875 **An Act to Minimize the Harmful Effects of Lead** **PUBLIC 380**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DUNLAP DOUGLASS	OTP-AM	H-566 S-298 KILKELLY

LD 875 proposed to prohibit the use of an artificial lure or sinker for fishing after January 1, 2000 that contains any lead and weighs less than two ounces.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-566) proposed to replace the bill to make the sale of lead sinkers weighing 1/2 ounce or less illegal after January 1, 2002.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-298) proposed to clarify the language of the committee amendment to prohibit the sale of sinkers made of lead.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 380 makes the sale of lead sinkers weighing 1/2 ounce or less illegal after January 1, 2002.

LD 916 **An Act to Expand Deer Hunting Opportunities for Juvenile Hunters** **ONTP**

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

LD 916 proposed to allow a person older than 10 but younger than 17 to take a male or female deer if that person has never before taken a deer.