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**STATE OF MAINE  
119TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

**JULY 1999**

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**ONE HUNDRED NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE**  
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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](http://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 971**                      **An Act to Allow Three Hunters to Hunt Deer Together**                      **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> PERKINS		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 971 proposes to allow 3 hunters to hunt deer together without being guilty of driving deer.

**LD 972**                      **An Act to Allow Hunters to Kill One Deer During Each Hunting Season**                      **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> KASPRZAK		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 972 proposed to allow a person to kill one deer during the general open hunting season, one deer during the muzzle-loading hunting season and one deer during the archery season.

**LD 978**                      **An Act to Allow a Subpermittee on a Moose Hunting Permit to Be Named after the Moose Lottery**                      **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> KIEFFER DUNLAP		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 978 proposed to allow a person who is awarded a moose permit to name a subpermittee after the moose lottery if that person notifies the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife of the name of the subpermittee at least five business days prior to the first day of the moose season.

**LD 986**                      **Resolve, Establishing a Commission to Study the Needs and Opportunities Associated with the Production of Salmonid Sport Fish in Maine**                      **RESOLVE 82 EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> KIEFFER DUNLAP		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-641 DUNLAP S-296 S-459 MICHAUD
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LD 986 proposed to create a study commission to study the feasibility of reestablishing a brook trout and landlocked salmon hatchery in Northern Maine. It proposed that the commission submit its report and any accompanying legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-296)** proposed to broaden the duties of the proposed commission to study the needs and opportunities associated with the production of salmonid sport fisheries in Maine. The amendment also proposed to change and expand the commission membership by adding the following members:

1. The Superintendent of Fish Culture at the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife; and
2. Two members of the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council, 3 individuals who represent owners or operators of a private fish hatchery in the State, one member of the Sportsman's Alliance of Maine and one individual who owns or operates a private aquaculture facility in the State.

This amendment proposed to clarify and specify the duties of the commission with regard to salmonid fish culture facilities in Maine.

**House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-641)** proposed to change the appointing authority for the 2 commission members who are members of the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and proposed to eliminate the requirement that one of those members be from the minority party.

**Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-459)** proposed to add an emergency preamble and an emergency clause and to move the deadline for convening the first meeting from October 1, 1999 to August 1, 1999. It proposed to require that the Senate chair and House chair be appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, respectively. The amendment proposed to delete the payment of the legislative per diem for nonlegislative members.

***Enacted law summary***

Resolve 1999, chapter 82 creates a study commission to study salmonid fish culture facilities in Maine. The commission must submit its report and any accompanying legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature.

Chapter 82 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 17, 1999.

**LD 1026                      An Act to Allow Crossbow Use During Archery Season by a Person who      CARRIED OVER  
has Lost the Use of a Hand**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1026 proposes to allow a person who has permanently lost the use of one or both hands to use a crossbow during the archery hunting season and during any open season.

**LD 1030                      An Act to Create the Coyote-snaring Season    ONTP**