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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
ONT P.....	Ought Not To Pass report accepted
OT P ND.....	Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft
OT P 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.

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 has Lost the Use of a Hand

CARRIED OVER

<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

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<u>Sponsor(s)</u> SHOREY	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1030 proposed to establish an annual season for hunting coyotes by snare that runs from December 1st to March 31st. It proposed to allow a person to utilize an unlimited number of snares to hunt coyote.

LD 1052 An Act to Assist Disabled Fly-fishing Anglers CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> NUTTING J	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1052 proposes to allow a person with a disability to utilize a spin-casting reel and rod and an artificial fly when fishing in waters designated as fly-fishing-only waters.

LD 1072 An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Antique Snowmobile Registration ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> KIEFFER KNEELAND	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1072 proposed to clarify that a snowmobile registered as an antique snowmobile may be used for occasional personal use and is not be used for commercial purposes. The language of this bill was included in LD 2088, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Omnibus bill.

LD 1086 An Act to Improve Snowmobile Trail Grooming INDEF PP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> CAMERON PARADIS	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1086 proposed to allow the Department of Conservation's Snowmobile Fund to be used for grants to snowmobile clubs, municipalities and counties for the purchase of snowmobile trail maintenance equipment. The bill also proposed to appropriate \$500,000 in each of the next two fiscal years to the Snowmobile Trail Fund specifically for such grants.

LD 1103 An Act to Lower the September Bowhunting License Fee ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> WHEELER G CAREY	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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