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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
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>
POVICH RUHLIN	ONTP	

LD 2095 proposed to change the registration year for snowmobiles, watercraft and all-terrain vehicles.

LD 2206

An Act to Implement an Atlantic Salmon Conservation Plan

INDEF PP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DUGAY	OTP-AM	H-606

LD 2206 proposed to require the State Planning Office to develop funding for and fully implement an Atlantic salmon conservation plan; develop model watershed plans; and complete habitat enhancement, fish passage and pollution prevention projects. This bill also proposed to require the State Planning Office to report to the Legislature on the progress of implementing an Atlantic salmon conservation plan and any other recommendations concerning watershed management by January 31, 2001.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-606) proposed to require the Land and Water Resources Council to support Washington County and Hancock County river watershed councils in their efforts to implement recommendations in the Atlantic salmon conservation plan. Through a nonprofit organization supportive of Atlantic salmon interests, it proposed to assist in the planning and implementation of local actions. The amendment proposed to require that the Land and Water Resources Council receive reports on their progress every six months and summarize this information in the council's annual report to the Governor and the Legislature. The amendment also proposed to appropriate \$200,000 over the biennium to support the watershed councils.

LD 2235

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Regarding Surface Use on Great Ponds

**PUBLIC 400
EMERGENCY**

<u>Reported by</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DUNLAP	OTP	

LD 2235 proposed to implement the recommendations of the towns of Woodstock, Greenwood, Northfield and Bar Harbor to restrict the use of personal watercraft on certain ponds within those towns. This bill was reported out of committee pursuant to Joint Order H. P. 1585.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 400 prohibits the use of personal watercraft on certain ponds in the Towns of Woodstock, Greenwood, Northfield and Bar Harbor.

Chapter 400 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 3, 1999.