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ON
INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
July 2000

We are pleased to provide this summary of 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:

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
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE..... Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote
FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE..... Bill failed to get majority vote
FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT..... Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote
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 Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is August 11, 2000.

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LD 2284

An Act to Maintain the Eel and Elver Management Fund and Regulate Permits for Eel Weirs

PUBLIC 549

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

LD 2284 proposed to maintain the Eel and Elver Management Fund as well as the moratorium on permitting eel weirs that was enacted in 1996 and to authorizes the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to adopt routine technical rules regulating the issuance of eel weir permits.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 549 authorizes the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to adopt routine technical rules regulating the issuance of eel weir permits.

LD 2310

An Act to Change the Name in the Statutes of a Native American Organization Able to Issue Hunting and Fishing Licenses

**PUBLIC 558
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PARADIS MARTIN	OTP	

LD 2310 proposed to change the name of the organization that issues hunting, trapping and fishing licenses to Native Americans from the Central Maine Indian Association to "Wesget-Suppo."

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 558 changes the name of the organization that issues hunting, trapping and fishing licenses to Native Americans from the Central Maine Indian Association to "Wesget-Suppo." This reference was corrected to "Wesget-Sipu" in Public Law 1999, chapter 790, the Judiciary Committee's Errors and Inconsistencies bill (see Judiciary Committee summaries, LD 2334).

Public Law 1999, chapter 558 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 15, 2000.

LD 2346

An Act to Extend the Time Period for Municipalities to Make Recommendations Concerning Great Pond Surface Use Restrictions

**PUBLIC 701
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
THOMPSON	OTP-AM	H-883 S-571 TREAT

LD 2346 proposed to extend by one year the time period in which municipalities can make recommendations to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife about surface use restrictions on great ponds within or bordering on those municipalities.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-883) was the majority report of the committee and proposed to extend until December 1, 2000 the deadline for municipalities to submit recommendations to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife on great pond surface use restrictions. The amendment proposed that initial recommendation packages in 2000 may be submitted only during July, although material supplementing any municipality's recommendations may be submitted until December 1, 2000.

This amendment also proposed to require that towns include a written explanation of the rationale for each recommendation and an explanation of what issues were considered in the development of each recommendation and requires that in a town whose legislative body is the town meeting, recommendations may only be considered and approved during the annual town meeting held pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 2525.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-571) extended until December 1, 2001 the period during which municipalities may submit recommendations for regulating the use, operation and type of watercraft on great ponds.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 701, extends until December 1, 2001 the deadline for municipalities to submit recommendations to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife on great pond surface use restrictions. Initial recommendations in 2000 may be submitted only during July, although material supplementing any municipality's recommendations may be submitted until December 1, 2001. Those recommendations will be considered by the Legislature in the First Regular Session of the 120th Legislature.

This public law also requires that towns include a written explanation of the rationale for each recommendation and an explanation of what issues were considered in the development of each recommendation and requires that in a town whose legislative body is the town meeting, recommendations may only be considered and approved during the annual town meeting held pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 2525.

Public Law 1999, chapter 701 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 14, 2000.

LD 2386

An Act to Allow Deer Hunting with Local Approval in Certain Areas Previously Permanently Closed to Deer Hunting

PUBLIC 636

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GOLDTHWAIT VOLENIK	OTP-AM	S-575

LD 2386 proposed to establish a deer hunting season in the Town of Cranberry Isles in order to address deer overpopulation of 5 islands in this community.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-575) proposed to replace the bill and change the title of the bill. The amendment proposed to clarify that a permit is required from the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife in order for a person or persons to assist the commissioner in the taking and destroying of wildlife, repeal the requirement that special hunts take place between the close of the special muzzle-loading season