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ON
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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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and January 31st and repeal the statutory prohibition on deer hunting in wildlife sanctuaries. The amendment also proposed to allow the commissioner to provide for an open season on deer in certain areas previously permanently closed to deer hunting if the affected towns approved of the opening. The amendment also proposed to allow, after July 1, 2001, deer hunting with shotgun or archery equipment on the Cranberry Isles under all applicable laws and regulations. The amendment also proposed to direct the commissioner to hold a depredation hunt for deer on the Cranberry Isles before holding any open season on those islands.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 636, clarifies 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, repeals the requirement that special hunts take place between the close of the special muzzle-loading season and January 31st and repeals the statutory prohibition on deer hunting in wildlife sanctuaries. This public law also allows the commissioner to provide for an open season on deer in certain areas previously permanently closed to deer hunting if the affected towns approve of the opening. The public law also allows, after July 1, 2001, deer hunting with shotgun or archery equipment on the Cranberry Isles under all applicable laws and regulations and directs the commissioner to hold a depredation hunt for deer on the Cranberry Isles before holding any open season on those islands.

LD 2468

An Act to Establish the Watercraft Enforcement Fund

ONTP

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

LD 2468 was a concept draft which proposed to establish a Watercraft Enforcement Fund administered by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to be used to support boating enforcement.

LD 2579

An Act to Provide an Angling Season for Atlantic Salmon

DIED BETWEEN BODIES

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RUHLIN DUNLAP	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

LD 2579 proposed to allow a person to angle for and release unharmed Atlantic salmon from Maine waters from May 1st to July 5th and from the Sunday before Labor Day to October 10th.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-590) was the minority report of the committee and proposed to replace the bill and to designate the Penobscot River upstream of the Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain Bridge connecting the cities of Bangor and Brewer, the St. Croix River and the Saco River as Atlantic salmon restoration rivers. The amendment also proposed to establish catch and release fly-fishing only seasons for Atlantic salmon on those rivers. The amendment also proposed prohibiting the Atlantic Salmon

Commission from adopting rules placing limits on seasons or methods of taking Atlantic salmon on those rivers that are more restrictive than those established in this amendment.

LD 2603 **Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 25: Leashed Tracking Dog License Rules, Major Substantive Rules of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife** **RESOLVE 95 EMERGENCY**

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

LD 2603 proposed to authorize final adoption of Chapter 25 of the rules of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pertaining to leashed tracking dog licenses.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 1999, chapter 95 approves major substantive rules of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Chapter 25, Leashed Tracking Dog License Rules.

Resolve 1999, chapter 95 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective March 30, 2000.

LD 2622 **Resolve, Authorizing the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Allow a Well and Waterline Easement** **RESOLVE 102 EMERGENCY**

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

LD 2622 proposed to authorize the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to enter into an amendment of the conservation easement in the Rangeley River conservation corridor to allow the Department of Environmental Protection to develop a potable water supply for residents of Oquossoc Village in Rangeley.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 1999, chapter 102 authorizes the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to enter into an amendment of the conservation easement in the Rangeley River conservation corridor to allow the Department of Environmental Protection to develop a potable water supply for residents of Oquossoc Village in Rangeley.

Resolve 1999, chapter 102 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective April 7, 2000.