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Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife*

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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
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Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the joint standing 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 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*
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 First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is **September 21, 2001**.

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Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

LD 229

**Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
to Submit a Proposal to Encourage the Harvest of Coyotes**

RESOLVE 8

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> CHICK		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-98
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LD 229 proposed to direct the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to propose recommendations to encourage the harvest of coyotes. The department would be required to submit its recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife no later than January 1, 2002. The committee would report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 120th Legislature.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-98) proposed to require the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to review its animal damage control program, in consultation with the department's regional coyote snaring steering committees, focusing on the deployment of trappers to snare coyotes in deer yards during winter months. The department would report back its findings and proposed plans to implement those findings to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by October 1, 2001. The department would implement its proposed plans during the 2001-02 winter in areas where predation by coyotes poses a threat to deer. The amendment also proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 2001, chapter 8 requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to review its animal damage control program, in consultation with the department's regional coyote snaring steering committees and to report back its findings and proposed plans to implement those findings to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by October 1, 2001. This resolve requires the department to implement its proposed plans during the 2001-02 winter in areas where predation by coyotes poses a threat to deer.

LD 232

**An Act to Regulate the Marking and Placement of Baitfish Traps,
Baitfish Holding Boxes and Buoys in Inland Waters**

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> TRACY MARTIN		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 232 proposed to require all baitfish traps, baitfish holding boxes and associated buoys to be labeled with the owner's name, address and current telephone number. The bill proposed to establish minimum size and reflective coating requirements for all buoys. The bill also proposed to establish the minimum distance baitfish traps and baitfish boxes would be located from public and private boat launches, docks, wharfs, moorings, bridges and trestles. In addition, the bill proposed to prohibit the placement of a baitfish trap or baitfish holding box in a channel or within 50 feet of the edge of the channel. The bill also proposed to prohibit the placement of a baitfish trap or holding box within 50 feet of another baitfish trap or holding box.