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*State Of Maine
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First Regular Session

Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife*

August 2000

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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 1726

An Act to Clarify Laws Pertaining to the Permit Process for Wildlife Possession

PUBLIC 269

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DUNLAP CARPENTER	OTP-AM	H-385

LD 1726 proposed to amend the section of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12 that deals with possessing, breeding, exhibiting, purchasing, selling, importing and transporting wildlife. Currently, all of the possession authorities are within separate sections of the law. This bill proposed to repeal 14 sections of Title 12 and place them into one section with the issuance, fees, rule-making authority and permit administration being addressed. The bill also proposed to authorize the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to adopt rules for each specific permit.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-385) proposed to change the fee structure for permits to possess wildlife and corrects cross-references. This amendment also proposed to clarify which species are affected by the bill. It also proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 269 amends the section of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12 that deals with possessing, breeding, exhibiting, purchasing, selling, importing and transporting wildlife. This Public Law repeals 14 sections of Title 12 and places them into one section with the issuance, fees, rule-making authority and permit administration being addressed. This Public Law also authorizes the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to adopt rules for each specific permit.

LD 1732

An Act to Establish for an Additional Two Years the Commission to Study the Needs and Opportunities Associated with the Production of Salmonid Sport Fish in Maine

**PUBLIC 462
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
	OTP-AM	S-180 S-386 GOLDTHWAIT

Part A of LD 1732 proposed to create a fish hatchery maintenance fund within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to be used by the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to fund or assist in funding maintenance, repair or capital improvements at fish hatcheries and feeding stations owned by the State. The fund could not be used to fund personnel services costs or general operating costs of a fish hatchery. The fund would be initially capitalized by a \$100,000 transfer from the department's carrying account. The commissioner would be directed to report back to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by January 15, 2002 with recommendations on mechanisms to raise revenue for the fund.

Part A also proposed to reallocate \$182,000 from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to the fish hatchery study commission to allow the commission to hire consulting engineers to assist in the design and