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Bill Summaries

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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 organized for convenient reference to information on bills considered by the committees. It is arranged alphabetically by committee name and within committees by bill (LD) number.

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
PASSED..... Joint Order passed in both bodies
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 July 25, 2002.

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Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

LD 2196

**An Act to Permit Small Game Hunting on Private Property on
Sunday in Unorganized Territory**

ONTP

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

LD 2196 proposed to allow the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to authorize a private landowner owning a continuous piece of property that was greater than 500 acres and located entirely within unorganized territory to open that property to hunters licensed to hunt on Sunday. The Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife would be able to issue Sunday hunting permits to hunt rabbit and grouse during the regular open season on authorized private property. The commissioner would not be able to authorize private property for Sunday hunting if that property adjoins certain public property. The bill proposed that the fee for a Sunday hunting permit would be \$15.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-1038), the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, proposed to prohibit the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife from authorizing property for Sunday hunting if the property owner did not keep that property open to hunting by the public. The amendment also proposed to set an effective date of January 1, 2003 and a repeal date of January 1, 2005. The amendment also proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 2204

**An Act to Implement Municipal Recommendations Regarding
Surface Water Use on Great Ponds**

PUBLIC 638

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

LD 2204 proposed to prohibit the use of personal watercraft on Middle Branch Pond in the Town of Waterboro and on Crystal Lake in the Town of Washington. It also proposed to prohibit the use of personal watercraft on Highland Lake or Woods Pond in the Town of Bridgton if the personal watercraft is rented and does not display a decal identifying the rental agency that owns the personal watercraft. Additionally, this bill proposed to prohibit the operation of motorboats having more than 10 horsepower on Middle Branch Pond in the Town of Waterboro or on Adams Pond, Foster Pond or Otter Pond in the Town of Bridgton.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 638 prohibits the use of personal watercraft on Middle Branch Pond in the Town of Waterboro and on Crystal Lake in the Town of Washington. It also prohibits the use of personal watercraft on Highland Lake or Woods Pond in the Town of Bridgton if the personal watercraft is rented and does not display a decal identifying the rental agency that owns the personal watercraft. Additionally, Public Law 2001, chapter 638 prohibits the operation of motorboats having more than 10 horsepower on Middle Branch Pond in the Town of Waterboro or on Adams Pond, Foster Pond or Otter Pond in the Town of Bridgton.