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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

Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the joint standing and joint 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 arranged alphabetically by committee name 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:

<i>CARRIED OVER PURSUANT TO HP 1212</i>	<i>Bills carried over to the 2nd Regular Session</i>
<i>CON RES XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i>	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</i>	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED IN CONCURRENCE</i>	<i>One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i>	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<i>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<i>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY</i>	<i>Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<i>ONTP</i>	<i>Ought Not To Pass report accepted</i>
<i>OTP-ND</i>	<i>Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft</i>
<i>P&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
<i>PASSED</i>	<i>Joint Order passed in both bodies</i>
<i>PUBLIC XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of finally passed Resolve</i>
<i>UNSIGNED</i>	<i>Bill held by Governor</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>

Please note that the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is September 13, 2003.

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Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

LD 1166

**Resolve, To Allow Selected Northern Maine Deer Hunters To Take
2 Deer**

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> JACKSON		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1166 proposed to direct the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to amend the deer hunting rules to allow hunters in the northern wildlife management districts to get a 2-deer permit.

LD 1170

An Act To Redefine "Muzzle-loading Firearm"

PUBLIC 440

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> TRAHAN		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-537
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LD 1170 proposed to redefine "muzzle-loading firearm" by providing clear definitions of a basic muzzleloader, a primitive muzzleloader and a traditional muzzleloader. It proposed to remove language that limits the authority of the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to extend the muzzle-loading open season on deer for more than 12 days in any part of the State. It also proposed to authorize the commissioner to establish different seasons for the 3 types of muzzleloaders.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-537) proposed to replaces the bill. It proposed to redefine "muzzle-loading firearm" by providing definitions for a muzzleloader, a traditional muzzleloader and a muzzle-loading shotgun.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2003, chapter 440 redefines "muzzle-loading firearm" by providing definitions for a muzzleloader, a traditional muzzleloader and a muzzle-loading shotgun.

LD 1179

An Act To Encourage Youth Participation in Fishing

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> KNEELAND		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1179 proposed to allow a person 12 years of age or younger to fish with worms in all areas of the State, except in the rivers that have salmon listed as endangered.