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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 1280

An Act To Improve Boating in Maine

PUBLIC 277

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> BENNETT R		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1280 proposed to require airmobiles and motorboats to pass noise limit tests with cutouts engaged and disengaged and to set a minimum of a \$300 fine for exceeding noise limits. It proposed to exempt those vessels from the noise limits while the vessels were engaged in an organized racing event that was sanctioned by a recognized racing organization and registered with the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. The bill also proposed to prohibit the discharge of septic fluids into the inland waters of the State.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2003, chapter 277 requires airmobiles and motorboats to pass noise limit tests with cutouts engaged and disengaged and sets a minimum of a \$300 fine for exceeding noise limits. It also exempts those vessels from the noise limits while the vessels are engaged in an organized racing event that is sanctioned by a recognized racing organization and registered with the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. The bill also clarifies that the discharge of septic fluids into the inland waters of the State is illegal.

LD 1358

Resolve, To Reestablish the Commission To Study the Needs and Opportunities Associated with the Production of Salmonid Sport Fish in Maine

**RESOLVE 89
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> BRYANT CLARK		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-97 DUNLAP S-271 BRYANT
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LD 1358 proposed to reestablish the Commission to Study the Needs and Opportunities Associated with the Production of Salmonid Sport Fish in Maine.

House Amendment "A" (H-97) proposed to alter the membership of the commission reestablished in the resolve and limits the commission's duties to providing assistance in the expenditure of the funds authorized under Private and Special Law 2001, chapter 71 for the renovations and enhancement of wastewater treatment at the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's fish-rearing facilities. This amendment also proposed to remove the requirement that the commission report back to the Legislature and to add an appropriation and allocation section.

Senate Amendment "A" to House Amendment "A" (S-262) proposed to authorize the commission to hold up to 2 meetings and to direct the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, rather than the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis, to staff the commission. It proposed to remove language that directed the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to use funds in the fish hatchery maintenance fund to reimburse costs associated with the per diem and expenses of commission members. Additionally, the amendment proposed to reduce the appropriation. (Not adopted)

Senate Amendment "B" to House Amendment "A" (S-271) proposed to authorize the commission to hold up to 2 meetings and to remove language that directed the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to use funds in