

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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*State Of Maine  
121st Legislature*

*Second Regular Session and  
Second Special Session*

*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/billsumm.htm](http://www.state.me.us/legis/opla/billsumm.htm)).

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
ONT P.....	Ought Not To Pass report accepted
OTP-ND .....	Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft
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 that the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is April 30, 2004; and non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Special Session is July 30, 2004. Four bills (LD's 1572, 1629, 1636 and 1637) that were considered at the First Special Session in August 2003 are also included in these summaries.

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## *Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife*

**LD 1842**

### **An Act To Remove the Designation of the Lake Christopher Wildlife Management Area as a Wildlife Management Area**

**PUBLIC 587**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BRYANT GAGNE-FRIEL	OTP	

LD 1842 proposed to remove the Lake Christopher wildlife management area from the list of areas that are classified as wildlife management areas.

**House Amendment "A" (H-760)** proposed to remove the Peaks Island wildlife management area from the list of areas that are classified as state-owned wildlife management areas.

#### ***Enacted Law Summary***

Public Law 2003, chapter 587 removes the Lake Christopher wildlife management area from the list of areas that are classified as wildlife management areas.

**LD 1912**

### **An Act To Implement Certain Recommendations of the Governor's Task Force on ATV Issues**

**PUBLIC 695  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LANDRY BRYANT	OTP-AM	H-881 S-509 BRYANT

LD 1912 included the recommendations of the Governor's task force on ATV issues. It proposed specific statutory language for one recommendation regarding landowner permission for operating an ATV on the land of another. The bill also proposed to authorize the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to submit legislation to the Second Special Session of the 121st Legislature to accomplish one or more of the other recommendations of the task force, which were listed in the bill in concept form.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-881)** proposed to replace the bill. This amendment proposed to accomplish, with some refinement, a number of the recommendations of the Governor's task force on ATV issues.

1. It proposed to broaden the purpose of the ATV Recreational Management Fund to allow for purchase or lease of real estate and acquisition of easements for ATV trails or sport-riding facility acquisition and permit its use for grants-in-aid to organizations for the purchase of ATV-related equipment.
2. It proposed to create an ATV law enforcement grant program to make enforcement grants to the warden service as well as to other enforcement agencies and to dedicate the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's ATV gas tax revenues under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 2903-D to the ATV law enforcement grant program. It proposed to authorize the program to accept and disburse donated materials and equipment.