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*State Of Maine
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Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife*

August 2005

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Summary of Legislation Considered by the Joint Standing Committees
August 2005

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. A subject index for each committee is included immediately before the bill summaries for that committee, and a numerical index by LD number is included 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 June 29, 2005; and for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Special Session is September 17, 2005.

Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

LD 217

**Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
To Review and Simplify Rules Governing Brook Trout Fishing**

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WATSON BRYANT B	ONTP	

LD 217 proposed to direct the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to evaluate the department's rules implementing the laws governing brook trout fishing and trout management and to develop any necessary recommendations to change the rules.

LD 231

**An Act To Provide for Registration of Certain Snowmobile Trail-
grooming Equipment**

PUBLIC 93

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TRAHAN	OTP-AM	H-157

LD 231 proposed to establish a registration fee for certain snowmobile trail-grooming equipment.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-157) proposed to replace the bill and prohibit the use of snowmobile trail-grooming equipment on snowmobile trails unless that equipment is registered. It proposed to define "trail-grooming equipment" and limits those eligible to register trail-grooming equipment to organizations that have an approved contract with the Department of Conservation or a person who can show proof of membership in such an organization. This amendment would also establish a one-time registration fee of \$33 and provide that revenue from the registration of trail-grooming equipment be allocated in the same manner as revenue from snowmobile registrations. It also proposed to provide an exception to the registration requirement, under certain conditions, for landowners, commercial ski areas and federal, state and local governmental units. Finally, the amendment would make it a civil violation to fraudulently obtain a trail-grooming equipment registration or to operate unregistered trail-grooming equipment on a snowmobile trail.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 93 prohibits the use of snowmobile trail-grooming equipment on snowmobile trails unless that equipment is registered. It limits those eligible to register trail-grooming equipment to organizations that have an approved contract with the Department of Conservation or a person who can show proof of membership in such an organization. Public Law 2005, chapter 93 establishes a one-time registration fee of \$33 and provides that revenue from the registration of trail-grooming equipment be allocated in the same manner as revenue from snowmobile registrations. It also provides an exception to the registration requirement, under certain conditions, for landowners, commercial ski areas and federal, state and local governmental units.