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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 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).

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
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 (Pocket Veto).....	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 August 23, 2006.

Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

LD 354 **An Act To Give Moose Permits to Members of the Wesget-Sipu Organization** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON MARTIN	ONTP	

LD 354 proposed to require the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to issue a moose permit to every member of the Wesget-Sipu organization who requested a moose permit.

LD 477 **Resolve, To Direct the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Determine the Feasibility of Integrating Certain Moose Management Practices between Tribal and Nontribal Lands** **RESOLVE 131**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MOORE F	OTP-AM	H-743

LD 477 proposed to establish a tribal sustenance moose hunting permit that would allow members of certain tribes to hunt moose on land owned by the State. It would require the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to adopt rules to administer the permits and to protect the moose resource.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-743) proposed to direct the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to work with tribal members to determine the feasibility of providing moose hunting permits for use on nontribal lands. It would direct the department to report its findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by January 17, 2007 and would authorize the committee to report out legislation to the First Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 2005, chapter 131 directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to work with tribal members to determine the feasibility of providing moose hunting permits to tribal members for use on nontribal lands without jeopardizing the State's moose management goals. Among other things it requires the department to consider authorizing the use of tribally issued moose permits on non-tribal lands and the issuance of moose permits by the department to tribal members. Resolve 2005, chapter 131 also directs the department to report its findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by January 17, 2007 and authorizes that committee to report out legislation to the First Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature.