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*State Of Maine
122nd Legislature*

Second Regular Session

Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife*

July 2006

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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 1725

An Act To Enhance the Integrity of the Moose Lottery

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MOODY		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1725 proposed to require the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to review annually the rules concerning moose hunting and the moose hunting lottery to ensure that the lottery is applied fairly.

LD 1813

An Act To Allow Smelt Dipping in Mud Brook in Aroostook County

PUBLIC 547

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> SMITH W MARTIN		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-806 S-524 BRYANT B
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LD 1813 proposed to allow the continuation of smelt dipping after 2005 in Long Lake in Aroostook County. The law authorizing smelt dipping in Long Lake expired on December 31, 2005.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-806) proposed to limit fishing for smelt with a dip net to a tributary of Long Lake called Mud Brook and would sunset this provision on January 1, 2008.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-524) proposed to change the repeal date from January 1, 2008 to July 1, 2009.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 547 allows a person to harvest no more than two quarts of smelt per day with a dip net from Mud Brook, a tributary of Long Lake in Aroostook County. It prohibits the harvest of smelt from Mud Brook for commercial purposes. Public Law 2005, chapter 547 is repealed on July 1, 2009.

LD 1819

An Act To Protect Volunteer-earned Funds of the Maine Wildlife Park

PUBLIC 504

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> AUSTIN TURNER		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-778
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LD 1819 proposed to prohibit the use of volunteer-earned funds of the Maine Wildlife Park to reduce overall state funding of the park.

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Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 504 provides that volunteer-earned funds of the Maine Wildlife Park may not be used to reduce overall state funding of the park.

LD 1824 **An Act To Improve Water Skiing Safety** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FLETCHER	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

LD 1824 proposed to allow the use of a rear-view wide-angle mirror in lieu of an observer on a boat that is towing a person on water skis.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-829) proposed to provide a civil penalty for failing to have either an observer on board or a rear-view wide-angle mirror when towing a person on water skis or a similar device.

LD 1832 **An Act To Prevent the Introduction of Pathogens into the State
That Threaten the Health of Maine's Fish and Wildlife Resources** **PUBLIC 470
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WATSON PERRY J	OTP-AM	H-742

LD 1832 proposed to authorize the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to adopt rules to prohibit the transportation into the State of white-tailed deer, mule deer, elk, moose, caribou or any member of the deer family taken from a commercial hunting area in order to protect Maine's deer and moose population from chronic wasting disease.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-742) proposed to authorize the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to adopt rules to prevent the introduction of pathogens into the State that pose a significant risk to Maine's fish and wildlife resources.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 470 authorizes the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to adopt rules to prevent the introduction of pathogens into the State that pose a significant risk to Maine's fish and wildlife resources.

Public Law 2005, chapter 470 was enacted as an emergency measure effective February 17, 2006.