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Summaries of bills and adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 123rd Maine Legislature coming from the

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AND WILDLIFE**

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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL SUMMARIES AND ENACTED LAWS



This *Legislative Digest of Bill Summaries and Enacted Laws* summarizes all bills and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 123rd Maine Legislature, which was in session from December 6, 2006 to June 21, 2007.

The *Digest* is arranged alphabetically by committee, and within each committee by LD number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor and lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are summarized and listed by paper number. A subject index is included with each committee. The appendices include a summary of relevant session statistics, an index of all bills by LD number and an index of enacted laws by law type and chapter number.

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 (or Accepted ONTP report).....	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 non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session is **September 20, 2007**. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure is specified in the enacted law summary for those bills.

Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

LD 11 An Act To Create a 10-chance Moose Hunting Permit Application for Residents

DIED BETWEEN HOUSES

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HAMPER	ONTP A OTP-AM B	

LD 11 creates a 10-chance application for moose hunting permits for residents and allows a resident to purchase multiple 10-chance applications.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-185)

This committee amendment limits the number of 10-chance moose hunting permit applications a resident may purchase to one instead of unlimited.

LD 15 An Act Imposing a Horsepower Restriction for Boat Motors on Muddy Pond

ONTP

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

LD 15 prohibits the operation of a motorboat equipped with a motor greater than 25 horsepower on Muddy Pond in the Town of Damariscotta in Lincoln County.

LD 51 An Act To Provide Native Americans with Lifelong Licenses and Permits to Hunt, Fish and Trap

PUBLIC 195

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SOCTOMAH RAYE	OTP-AM	H-228

LD 51 provides a lifetime tribal license for hunting, trapping and fishing to certified members of Maine's recognized Indian tribes.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-228)

This committee amendment replaces the bill and amends the law regarding complimentary licenses for Native Americans to provide that these licenses are valid for the life of the Native American and include all permits, stamps and other permissions that may be needed to hunt, fish and trap in the State. These complementary licenses are subject to any lottery or drawing system used for issuing a license or permit such as the lottery system for moose hunting permits.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 195 provides that complimentary licenses for Native Americans are valid for the life of the Native American and include all permits, stamps and other permissions needed to hunt, fish and trap in the State subject to any lottery or drawing system used to issue a license or permit such as the lottery system for moose hunting permits.