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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

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON INLAND FISHERIES
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 251 An Act To Authorize the Bureau of Warden Service To Provide Assistance to Other Entities

PUBLIC 20

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BRYANT B	OTP-AM	S-8

LD 251 authorizes the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Bureau of Warden Service, with approval of the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, to provide assistance to other entities, including county and state agencies, municipalities and private organizations, and persons. The bill allows the director of the Bureau of Warden Service to charge the entities or individuals for these services. LD 251 requires the Bureau of Warden Service to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters no later than January 15th of each year concerning the assistance provided to other entities and persons during the previous calendar year. It provides that the report must contain information about the types of services provided, the number of services and the fees charged by the director of the Bureau of Warden Service.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-8)

This committee amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 20 authorizes the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Bureau of Warden Service, with approval of the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, to provide assistance to other entities, including county and state agencies, municipalities and private organizations, and persons. It authorizes the Director of the Bureau of Warden Service to charge the entities or individuals for these services. Public Law 2007, chapter 20 requires the Bureau of Warden Service to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters no later than January 15th of each year concerning the assistance provided to other entities and persons during the previous calendar year. It provides that the report must contain information about the types of services provided, the number of services and the fees charged by the director of the Bureau of Warden Service.

LD 252 An Act To Establish Emergency Response to Illegal Introductions of Invasive Fish Species

PUBLIC 73

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BRYANT B	OTP-AM	S-38

LD 252 allows the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, when an illegal introduction of invasive fish species has occurred, to authorize licensed anglers to assist in the taking and destruction of that invasive fish species.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-38)

This committee amendment authorizes the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to use methods that would otherwise be prohibited by law or rule to take fish that have been illegally introduced.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 73 provides that the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, when an illegal introduction of invasive fish species has occurred, may authorize licensed anglers to assist in the taking and destruction of that invasive fish species using methods that may otherwise be prohibited by law or rule.