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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

Fisheries and Wildlife no later than December 5, 2007. It also authorizes the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to submit legislation related to that report to the Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature.

LD 982 An Act To Encourage Youth Hunting

ONTP

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

LD 982 allows a person who takes a deer on youth deer hunting day to take one additional deer during other open deer seasons. It also allows a person who takes a turkey on youth spring wild turkey hunting day to take an additional turkey during turkey hunting season.

LD 1045 An Act To Extend the Coyote Night Hunting Season

PUBLIC 242

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TUTTLE	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-295

LD 1045 establishes the coyote award program. It also increases hunting license fees by \$1 and directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to use the funds collected from the increase in hunting license fees for the coyote award program and the animal damage control program.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-295)

This committee amendment replaces the bill and extends the night hunting season for coyotes by just over one month. The current night hunting season for coyotes runs from January 1st to April 30th and this amendment changes that season to January 1st to June 1st.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 242 extends the night hunting season for coyotes by just over one month. The current night hunting season for coyotes runs from January 1st to April 30th and this amendment changes that season to January 1st to June 1st.

LD 1080 An Act To Increase Public Participation in the Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund Board

ONTP

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

LD 1080 prohibits a specific state sportsmen's organization or a specific state wildlife conservation organization from being represented on the Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund Board for more than 2 consecutive 4-year terms without a break in service.