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Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 124th 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 124th Maine Legislature.

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:

CARRIED OVER.....	Carried over to a subsequent session of the Legislature
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; bill died
ONTP (or Accepted ONTP report).....	Ought Not To Pass report accepted; bill died
P&S XXX.....	Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
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

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session of the 124th Legislature is September 12, 2009. 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

3. Prohibit a person under 10 years of age from trapping bear. This is a safety concern of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-46)

This amendment removes provisions of LD 132 relating to the licensure of youth anglers.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 69 provides penalties for adult supervisors, parents and guardians of minors who violate the laws governing fishing, hunting and trapping and prohibits a person under 10 year of age from trapping bear.

LD 137 Resolve, To Authorize a Trail To Be Built Connecting the Cascade Falls Trail with the Eastern Trail ONTP

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

LD 137 authorizes the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to enter into an agreement to allow a trail to be built across state-owned land in Saco.

LD 138 An Act Regarding the Placement of Bait To Attract Wild Animals or Birds for Hunting PUBLIC 70

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SARTY COURTNEY	OTP-AM	H-60

LD 138 requires the labeling of bait sites, owner permission to place baits and cleanup of bait areas within a specific period of time.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-60)

This amendment replaces the bill and amends the laws governing baiting to:

1. Require a person placing bait to plainly label the bait site with a 2-inch-by-4-inch tag identifying the name and address of the person establishing the bait site;
2. Provide that a person may not hunt at a bait site established by another person unless that person has permission from the person that established the bait site; and
3. Require the person that established the bait site to remove the bait and the bait label and clean up the bait site after the landowner requests the removal of that bait or within 20 days from the last day the person that established the bait site hunted over that bait.

The baiting requirements in this amendment do not apply to bear baiting or bait placed on the ice of inland waters.

Enacted Law Summary

Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Public Law 2009, chapter 70 amends the laws governing baiting to:

1. Require a person placing bait to plainly label the bait site with a 2-inch-by-4-inch tag identifying the name and address of the person establishing the bait site;
2. Provide that a person may not hunt at a bait site established by another person unless that person has permission from the person that established the bait site; and
3. Require the person that established the bait site to remove the bait and the bait label and clean up the bait site after the landowner requests the removal of that bait or within 20 days from the last day the person that established the bait site hunted over that bait.

These requirements do not apply to bear baiting or bait placed on the ice of inland waters.

LD 139 An Act To Require a Guide License for Certain Outdoor Activities

ONTP

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

LD 139 amends the definition of "guide" to include "recreational activities" as one of the enumerated activities within that definition for which a guide license may be required.

LD 164 An Act To Save Lives on Maine Waters

ONTP

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

LD 164 makes it mandatory, with certain exceptions, that everyone in a watercraft wear a personal flotation device.

LD 168 An Act To Provide Complimentary Hunting and Fishing Licenses to Resident Disabled Veterans Who Served in Support Units Outside of Combat Zones

**ACCEPTED ONTP
REPORT**

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

LD 168 provides complimentary hunting and fishing licenses to resident disabled veterans who have served outside of a combat zone in support units for units in a combat zone.