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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

**LD 655 Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To
Conduct a Study To Enhance Maine's Recreational Fishing Economy**

RESOLVE 50

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BERRY SHERMAN	OTP-AM	H-148

LD 655 directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to conduct a study of fishery management and marketing plans and programs in states that are major destinations for the nation's anglers and make recommendations that would expand Maine's recreational fishing economy.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-148)

This amendment authorizes the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to report out legislation based on the report required by LD 655.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2009, chapter 50 directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to conduct a study of fishery management and marketing plans and programs in states that are major destinations for the nation's anglers and develop recommendations that would expand Maine's recreational fishing economy. It directs the commissioner to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife with the findings and recommendations from the study by January 15, 2010 and authorizes that committee to report out legislation based on the department's report.

**LD 656 An Act To Allow Members of the Armed Forces Who Are Not Residents
but Own Property in this State To Obtain Resident Hunting and Fishing
Licenses or Permits**

**ACCEPTED ONTP
REPORT**

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

LD 656 allows a member of the United States Armed Forces who is not a resident of the State but who owns property in the State to purchase a resident fishing, hunting or combination fishing and hunting license or permit.

LD 667 An Act Regarding the Purchase of Fish for Stocking Inland Waters

**ACCEPTED ONTP
REPORT**

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

LD 667 provides that if the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife decides to stock more fish than can be produced by state-owned fish hatcheries in a given year, the commissioner shall purchase the additional fish from a

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privately owned fish hatchery.

**LD 676 An Act To Lower the Cost of State Government in the Departments
under the Purview of the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries
and Wildlife**

**ACCEPTED ONTP
REPORT**

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

LD 676 deappropriates \$63,378 in fiscal year 2009-10 and \$87,584 in fiscal year 2010-11 from the Division of Public Information and Education within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by eliminating a Public Service Manager I position.

**LD 699 Resolve, To Direct the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To
Conduct an Evaluation of Its Sport Fishing Program**

RESOLVE 47

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DUCHESNE TRAHAN	OTP-AM	H-149

LD 699 requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to conduct fisheries management and research initiatives in a manner designed to enhance recreational fishing throughout the State.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-149)

This amendment replaces the resolve and directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to evaluate the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's sport fishing program based on enumerated objectives and to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife regarding that evaluation by January 31, 2010. It also authorizes the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature based on that report.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2009, chapter 47 directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to evaluate the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's sport fishing program based on enumerated objectives and to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife regarding that evaluation by January 31, 2010. It also authorizes the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature based on that report.

LD 714 An Act To Empower Anglers in Fish Stocking Decisions

PUBLIC 216

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PRATT	OTP-AM	H-246