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

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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 Second 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:

<i>CARRIED OVER</i>	<i>Carried over to a subsequent session of the Legislature</i>
<i>CON RES XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i>	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN HOUSES</i>	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED IN CONCURRENCE</i>	<i>One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i>	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<i>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<i>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY</i>	<i>Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed; bill died</i>
<i>ONTP (or Accepted ONTP report)</i>	<i>Ought Not To Pass report accepted; bill died</i>
<i>P&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
<i>PUBLIC XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of finally passed Resolve</i>
<i>UNSIGNED</i>	<i>Bill held by Governor</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature is Monday, July 12, 2010. 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 807 An Act To Improve and Promote Maine's Landlocked Salmon Resources

ONTP

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

LD 807 was carried over from the First Regular Session and provides that:

1. By no later than July 1, 2014, no fewer than 75 inland waters containing landlocked salmon must be managed to produce salmon that exceed 4 pounds in weight;
2. By October 1, 2009, the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife must initiate a pilot project to stock Echo Lake and Eagle Lake on Mount Desert Island with only fall fingerling hatchery salmon on an alternate-year basis and the rule-making process to restrict salmon fishing to catch and release on one or more waters where salmon is the primary fishery; and
3. By October 1, 2009, the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife must initiate a 5-year experimental program to enhance landlocked salmon brood stock by taking landlocked salmon eggs from salmon brood stock that is 5 years of age or older and develop a new landlocked salmon brood stock source composed of wild salmon.

LD 1508 Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Adopt Rules Clarifying Fish Stocking Decisions

ACCEPTED ONTP REPORT

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

This resolve directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to adopt major substantive rules clarifying fish stocking decisions in public waters.

LD 1509 An Act To Amend the Current Moose Permit System and Preference Point System in Maine

ONTP

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

LD 1509 amends the law governing the public drawings for moose hunting permits. It allows for the purchase of an unlimited number of chances in the moose lottery after the purchase of a 6-chance application. This bill also implements 2 special permit drawings before the public chance drawings. The first, with 500 permits awarded, is for those who have the maximum amount of bonus points accumulated because they have consistently applied for but never received a moose hunting permit. The 2nd, with 1/3 of the remaining available permits, is for residents who have 7 or more points accumulated.