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Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed

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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 LDs and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 125th Maine Legislature.

The *Digest* is arranged alphabetically by committee and within each committee by Legislative Document (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor and lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each LD 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 LD is noted to the right of the LD title. The following describes the various final actions.

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; legislation died
DIED BETWEEN HOUSES..... House & Senate disagreed; legislation died
DIED IN CONCURRENCE..... defeated in each house, but on different motions; legislation died
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT..... action incomplete when session ended; legislation died
EMERGENCY..... enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment
FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE emergency failed to receive required 2/3 vote
FAILED, ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE..... failed to receive final majority vote
FAILED, MANDATE ENACTMENT legislation proposing local mandate failed required 2/3 vote
HELD BY GOVERNOR..... Governor has not signed; final disposition to be determined at subsequent session
LEAVE TO WITHDRAW..... sponsor's request to withdraw legislation granted
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY ruled out of order by the presiding officer; legislation died
INDEF PP..... indefinitely postponed; legislation died
ONTP, ACCEPTED, MAJORITY, MINORITY or REPORT X... ought-not-to-pass report accepted; legislation died
P&S XXX..... chapter # of enacted private & special law
PUBLIC XXX..... chapter # of enacted public Law
RESOLVE XXX..... chapter # of finally passed resolve
VETO SUSTAINED..... Legislature failed to override Governor's veto

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature is September 28, 2011. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure may be found in the enacted law summary for that legislation.

Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

LD 134 An Act To Protect Native Landlocked Salmon Fisheries from Invasive Fish Species

PUBLIC 24

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAVIS THOMAS	OTP-AM	H-33

This bill prohibits the construction of a fishway or fish bypass structure at the dam on the outlet of Sebec Lake in the Town of Sebec and at the dam on the Sebec River in the Town of Milo that would allow the upstream passage of an invasive fish species known to be present downstream in the Piscataquis River or Penobscot River drainage.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-33)

This amendment gives the provisions of section 2 of the bill priority over other contrary provisions of law.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 24 prohibits the construction of a fishway or fish bypass structure at the dam on the outlet of Sebec Lake in the Town of Sebec and at the dam on the Sebec River in the Town of Milo that would allow the upstream passage of an invasive fish species known to be present downstream in the Piscataquis River or Penobscot River drainage.

LD 137 An Act To Allow the Use of Crossbows during the Archery Season

**MAJORITY
(ONTP) REPORT**

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

This bill allows the use of crossbows during the regular archery season.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-34)

This amendment is the minority report and replaces the bill. It authorizes the use of crossbows during the expanded archery season on deer for 2 years. It also directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters on the impact of allowing the use of crossbows during the expanded archery season on deer by January 15, 2013.

LD 151 Resolve, To Direct the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Add One or More Moose Hunting Seasons in Wildlife Management District No. 8

**MAJORITY
(ONTP) REPORT**

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

Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

This resolve directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to amend the rules for Wildlife Management District No. 8 to add one or more 6-day moose hunting seasons to the one 6-day season already established by rule.

LD 161 An Act To Enhance Hunting for Maine Residents over 70 Years of Age

**MAJORITY
(ONTP) REPORT**

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

This bill allows a resident of the State over 70 years of age to receive a special antlerless deer permit.

LD 163 An Act To Auction Off Moose Permits to Hunting Lodges

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SHAW MARTIN T	ONTP	

This bill directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to auction off 250 moose hunting permits each year to owners of hunting lodges. The 250 moose hunting permits to be auctioned off to outfitters are in addition to those moose hunting permits allotted under the regular lottery system.

LD 173 Resolve, To Allow the Possession of an Unlimited Number of Game Birds

ONTP

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

This resolve directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to amend its rules governing hunting and trapping to allow the possession of an unlimited number of game birds.

LD 175 An Act To Create a Short-term All-terrain Vehicle Registration System

PUBLIC 116

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GILBERT PATRICK	OTP-AM	H-195

This bill creates a short-term registration system for all-terrain vehicles for nonresidents similar to the short-term registration system established for snowmobiles.