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**STATE OF MAINE**  
125<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
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Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed

**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 LDs and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 125<sup>th</sup> 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 125<sup>th</sup> 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 1329**      **Resolve, To Study the Condition of the Landlocked Salmon in Maine and Make Recommendations To Improve Their Health**      **ONTP**

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

This resolve directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to convene a stakeholder group to study the condition of the landlocked salmon and make recommendations to improve their health and increase their weight and size and report the stakeholder group's findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by December 7, 2011.

**LD 1375**      **An Act To Require a Boating Safety Course for New Boat Registrants**      **MAJORITY (ONTP) REPORT**

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

This bill requires boating safety education for noncommercial motorboat users who cannot show proof of a motorboat registration in the last 3 years, either from the State or a jurisdiction outside of the State.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-551)**

This amendment is the minority report. It makes the motorboat safety education requirement effective January 1, 2014 and makes the requirement apply only to those born after December 31, 2000. It removes the temporary boating safety certificate from the bill and adds licensed Maine guides to those exempt from taking a boating safety course. It also removes the provision that would allow for the establishment of fees to cover the cost of administering the courses.

**LD 1408**      **An Act To Amend Water Quality Standards for Fish Hatcheries**      **Carried Over**

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

Current law requires a nutrient management plan for a fish hatchery to address storage, management and use of fish waste from the hatchery with the goal of improving water quality. This bill requires the plan to have the goal of maintaining water quality.

This bill was carried over to any special and/or regular session of the 125th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1190.