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**STATE OF MAINE**  
126<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION



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* contains summaries of all LDs and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 126<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 126<sup>th</sup> Legislature is October 9, 2013. 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 26**

**An Act To Authorize the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife  
To Change a Fishing Season Opening Date Statewide**

**PUBLIC 3**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SHAW PATRICK	OTP	

This bill authorizes the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to change a fishing season opening date in inland waters of the State if weather conditions make that change necessary.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2013, chapter 3 authorizes the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to change a fishing season opening date in inland waters of the State if weather conditions make that change necessary.

**LD 41**

**An Act To Allow a Person 65 Years of Age or Older To Fish with Bait in  
any Inland Water**

**ONTP**

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

This bill allows a person 65 years of age or older to use live bait, dead bait or chemically preserved natural or organic bait in inland waters restricted to artificial lures and to troll a fly in inland waters restricted to fly-fishing only.

**LD 42**

**Resolve, To Require the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To  
Conduct a Study on the Use of Rubber Lures and Nondegradable  
Fishing Hooks and Lures**

**RESOLVE 18**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAVIS	OTP-AM ONTP	H-47

This bill prohibits the use of artificial lures made of rubber when angling or fishing.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-47)**

This amendment requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to study issues related to the effects of ingestion of artificial fishing lures made of rubber and soft plastic and nondegradable hooks for fishing on fish and wildlife species and inland waters in the State. The department shall report the results of its study, including recommended legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by January 15, 2014.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Resolve 2013, chapter 18 requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to study issues related to the effects of ingestion of artificial fishing lures made of rubber and soft plastic and nondegradable hooks for fishing on fish and wildlife species and inland waters in the State. The department shall report the results of its study, including recommended legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by January 15, 2014.