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

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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 126th 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 126th 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 PUBLIC 3
To Change a Fishing Season Opening Date Statewide

<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 ONTP
any Inland Water

<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 RESOLVE 18
Conduct a Study on the Use of Rubber Lures and Nondegradable
Fishing Hooks and Lures

<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.