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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* 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

6. Allows certain Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife programs to offer gifts;
7. Clarifies the law that allows for special antlerless deer permits to be issued to certain amputees;
8. Eliminates the fishing license requirement for all individuals under 16 years of age; and
9. Includes all nonresident junior hunting permits in a nonresident junior hunting license at no additional cost.

Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-363)

This amendment removes the provision that allows a nonresident who is 12 years of age or older and under 16 years of age to fish without a license.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 408 does the following:

1. Waives the boat registration requirement for motorboats participating in a permitted event;
2. Renames a wildlife management area after Major Gregory Sanborn;
3. Allows the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to charge a \$1 fee for a temporary registration certificate for a snowmobile dealer;
4. Changes what constitutes driving deer;
5. Includes skull mounts as part of the list of activities that a taxidermist license holder may partake in;
6. Allows certain Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife programs to offer gifts;
7. Clarifies the law that allows for special antlerless deer permits to be issued to certain amputees; and
8. Includes all nonresident junior hunting permits in a nonresident junior hunting license at no additional cost.

LD 1474 An Act To Amend the Laws Pertaining to the Hunting of Bear

ONTP

Sponsor(s)

HARLOW

Committee Report

ONTP

Amendments Adopted

This bill prohibits, with certain exceptions, hunting bear with dogs and trapping bear. The bill also sets a permanent closed season on bear hunting from January 1st through July 31st and decreases the bear bag limit from two to one. In addition, the bill prohibits the trade in bear gall bladders and imposes increased penalties for bear poaching for repeat offenders.

See also enacted law summary for LD 1016.