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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 Second Regular Session of the 127th 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. An appendix provides a summary of relevant session statistics.

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 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 127th Legislature is July 29, 2016. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure may be found in the enacted law summary for that legislation.

LD 405   **An Act To Support Expanded Capacity for Breeding Wild Atlantic Salmon in Downeast Rivers**   **Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report**

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
HUBBELL B	ONTP	
BURNS D	OTP-AM	

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 127th Legislature.

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill proposes to explore funding competitive grants to establish hatcheries supporting wild Atlantic salmon based on the success of and knowledge gained by the East Machias Aquatic Research Center.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-561)

This amendment is the minority report of the committee.

This amendment replaces the bill, which is a concept draft, with a resolve directing the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Department of Marine Resources, in consultation with the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Maine Emergency Management Agency, to inventory existing dams or other artificial obstructions within waters frequented by alewives, shad, salmon, sturgeon or other anadromous or migratory fish species and determine whether a fishway exists at each inventoried dam or artificial obstruction. The resolve directs the departments conducting the inventory study to jointly report their findings to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over environment and natural resources, inland fisheries and wildlife and marine resources matters by March 15, 2017.

This amendment was not adopted.

LD 427   **Resolve, Directing Certain State Agencies To Consider the Effects of Marine Debris**   **RESOLVE 76**

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
DEVIN M	OTP-AM	H-531
GERZOFSKY S	ONTP	

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 127th Legislature.

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill proposes to enact measures to address and mitigate plastic pollution in the marine environment, including but not limited to microdebris pollution. For the purpose of this resolve, "microdebris" means particles of plastic approximately 5 to 10 microns in length that may be ingested by filter-feeding organisms in the marine environment.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-531)

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. This amendment replaces the bill, which was a concept draft, with a resolve that directs the Department of Marine Resources, Department of Environmental Protection, Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to consider the potential for the generation, management, mitigation and effects of marine debris related to actions of those