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



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 128<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. 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 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 128<sup>th</sup> Legislature is Wednesday, November 1, 2017. 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 427**      **An Act To Give Certain Landowners First Priority for Antlerless Deer Permits**      **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PICKETT R DAVIS P	ONTP	

This bill amends the current antlerless deer hunting permit system to require that all antlerless deer permits available in a wildlife management district be issued to landowners of record who own at least 50 contiguous acres of land open to hunting by the public and have applied for the permit. It also provides that if the number of available antlerless deer permits in a wildlife management district exceeds the number of eligible landowner applications, the remaining permits must be issued to junior hunters who have applied for an antlerless deer permit in that district. If the number of antlerless deer permits available in a wildlife management district exceeds the number of eligible landowner applications and junior hunter applications, the commissioner is directed to issue the remaining permits as provided in current law.

**LD 471**      **Resolve, To Create the Commission To Study the Needs, Opportunities and Efficiencies Associated with the Production of Salmonid Sport Fish in Maine**      **Accepted Report A (ONTP)**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GOLDEN J JACKSON T	ONTP OTP-AM OTP-AM	

This resolve creates the Commission To Study the Needs, Opportunities and Efficiencies Associated with the Production of Salmonid Sport Fish in Maine. The commission is required to submit its report and any accompanying legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by January 30, 2018. The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife is prohibited from making any expenditure of over \$150,000 to repair or upgrade its salmonid fish hatcheries until the report is received and its recommendations acted upon.

**Committee Amendment "B" (H-57)**

This amendment is a minority report of the committee. It replaces the resolve and requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to convene a working group to study, assess and evaluate salmonid fish culture facilities in the State and the associated production and distribution capabilities, opportunities, needs and contributions to the economy of the State of cultured salmonid fish and propose changes to the fish production laws and rules. A report from the working group is due by December 6, 2017 to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

This amendment was not adopted.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-56)**

This amendment, which is a minority report of the committee, amends the resolve to conform to the Joint Rules of the Legislature with respect to appointments to and chairs of the Commission To Study the Needs, Opportunities and Efficiencies Associated with the Production of Salmonid Sport Fish in Maine. The amendment also removes the provision that prohibits the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife from spending over \$150,000 on fish hatcheries until the report of the commission is completed.

This amendment was not adopted.