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

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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 129th 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 129th Legislature is Thursday, September 19, 2019. 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 877 **An Act To Equalize the Distribution of Gasoline Tax Revenues between Snowmobiles and All-terrain Vehicles** **INDEF PP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ACKLEY K		

Current law distributes 0.9045% of total gasoline tax revenues to programs related to snowmobiles and 0.1525% to programs related to all-terrain vehicles. This bill amends the law to provide that 0.5285% of gasoline tax revenues funds programs related to snowmobiles and 0.5285% funds programs related to all-terrain vehicles. This bill was not referred to committee.

LD 879 **An Act To Decrease the Risk of the Spread of Invasive Aquatic Plants** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TUCKER R GRATWICK G	ONTP	

This bill requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, in consultation with the Department of Environmental Protection, to develop a risk assessment tool to evaluate the economic and environmental risks associated with public access, including the issuance of permits for fishing derbies and tournaments, on public waters with documented invasive aquatic plants. It requires the commissioner to utilize the risk assessment tool before the issuance of permits for fishing derbies and tournaments and when making decisions regarding public access on public waters with documented invasive aquatic plants.

LD 881 **An Act To Ensure Equitable Treatment of Super Pack License Holders in Antlerless Deer Permit Lotteries** **PUBLIC 116
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FAY J DIAMOND B	OTP-AM	H-186

This bill allows the holder of a super pack license who obtains an antlerless deer permit to also participate in an antlerless deer permit lottery.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-186)

This amendment replaces the bill and adds an emergency preamble and an emergency clause. It specifies that a person who obtains a super pack license also receives an antlerless deer permit under certain conditions and the opportunity to enter a bonus antlerless-only deer permit lottery. It also allows a super pack licensee to enter an antlerless deer permit lottery if that person does not obtain an antlerless deer permit under certain conditions specified in law.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 116 specifies that a person who obtains a super pack license also receives an antlerless deer permit under certain conditions and the opportunity to enter a bonus antlerless-only deer permit lottery. It also allows a super pack licensee to enter an antlerless deer permit lottery if that person does not obtain an antlerless deer permit under certain conditions specified in law.

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Public Law 2019, chapter 116 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 16, 2019.

LD 891 An Act To Preserve Maine's Heritage by Expanding Maine Youth Hunting ONTP

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

This bill allows the Commissioner of Inland and Fisheries and Wildlife to establish three consecutive days as youth hunting days for hunting bear and deer, and specifies these days as Thursday through Saturday.

LD 924 An Act To Remove the Background Check Requirement for Maine Guides Who Are at Least 70 Years of Age and Hold a Lifetime Hunting or Fishing License ONTP

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

This bill would exempt a registered Maine guide who holds a senior lifetime hunting, fishing, trapping or archery license and who is 70 years of age or older from having to undergo a background check when renewing their guide license, if that person had undergone a background check at 68 years of age or older.

LD 927 An Act To Minimize the Propagation of Invasive Aquatic Plants ONTP

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

This bill requires a person when removing a vessel from an inland water body to drain the vessel and other equipment and to remove or open drain plugs, bailers, valves and other devices to drain the water before that vessel is transported. It exempts emergency response vessels from these requirements.

LD 932 An Act Regarding the Transfer of a Deceased Person's Moose Permit to a Family Member PUBLIC 143

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PICKETT R DAVIS P	OTP-AM	H-185

This bill specifies that if a person who is issued a moose permit dies prior to the start of the moose hunting season, that person's subpermittee-designate or subpermittee, if an immediate family member, must be issued that person's moose permit. The new moose permit holder under this provision has the ability to name a subpermittee-designate and alternate subpermittee-designate.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-185)

This amendment replaces the bill. It requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to transfer a moose permit to a family member who meets eligibility and permit requirements and who is not otherwise prohibited from holding the moose permit if the permit holder dies at any time prior to or during the moose hunting season if a