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

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NATURAL RESOURCES**

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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 Environment and Natural Resources

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

This bill adds rivers, streams and brooks to the list of protected natural resources for which the Department of Environmental Protection may develop a compensation fee program. The bill also removes a statutory requirement that the department, when developing a compensation fee program, consult with the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-385)

This amendment amends the bill by clarifying the state and federal resource agencies that the Department of Environmental Protection has to consult with in developing a compensation fee program. It also makes a number of technical corrections to the compensation fee program statute necessitated by the addition of rivers, streams and brooks to the list of protected natural resources for which the department may develop a compensation fee program, as provided for in the bill.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 581 adds rivers, streams and brooks to the list of protected natural resources for which the Department of Environmental Protection may develop a compensation fee program.

LD 1779 An Act To Establish Standards for Operation and Maintenance and PUBLIC 582
Asset Management for Publicly Owned Treatment Works and
Municipal Satellite Collection Systems

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TUCKER R	OTP-AM	H-677

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

This bill authorizes the Department of Environmental Protection to establish standards through routine technical rulemaking for operation and maintenance and asset management for publicly owned treatment works and municipal satellite collection systems.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-677)

This amendment designates as major substantive rules the rules the Department of Environmental Protection may adopt establishing standards for operation and maintenance and asset management for publicly owned treatment works and municipal satellite collection systems.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 582 authorizes the Department of Environmental Protection to establish standards through major substantive rulemaking for operation and maintenance and asset management for publicly owned treatment works and municipal satellite collection systems.

LD 1780 An Act To Support Replacement of At-risk Home Heating Oil Tanks PUBLIC 583

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TUCKER R	OTP-AM	H-678