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LD 349 Resolve, Directing an Examination of Issues Related to Operation of Watercraft on Waters of the State

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 45 directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to examine issues related to the operation of watercraft, including personal watercraft, on the waters of the State, including methods of educating the public about current laws governing the operation of watercraft. The department is also directed to monitor whether the Town of Sweden votes to support banning personal watercraft on Keyes Pond. The department must report the department's findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. The committee is authorized to report out a bill to the 130th Legislature related to the subject matter of the report, including relating to the operation of personal watercraft on Keyes Pond.

LD 361 An Act To Establish a Permanent Appointment of a Member of the Wabanaki Tribes to the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 72 adds an 11th member to the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council. This member must be a member of a federally recognized Indian nation, tribe or band in the State. The Governor appoints this member based on the joint recommendation of the tribal governments of the Aroostook Band of Micmacs, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, the Passamaquoddy Tribe at Motahkomikuk, the Passamaquoddy Tribe at Sipayik and the Penobscot Nation. If these tribal governments do not make a unanimous joint recommendation, the Governor appoints a member of a federally recognized Indian nation, tribe or band in the State and rotates the appointment among members of each federally recognized Indian nation, tribe or band in the State.

LD 404 An Act To Preserve Deer Habitat

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 409 does the following.

1. It establishes preferential consideration under the Land for Maine's Future program for projects that conserve deer wintering areas identified by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and that satisfy other land management requirements.
2. It allows proceeds from the Land for Maine's Future Fund to be used for the development of a management plan for a deer wintering area on lands acquired for that purpose using the Land for Maine's Future Fund, as long as the cost of the plan as well as any minor capital investments in the stewardship and management of that land does not exceed 5% of the appraised value of

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