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LD 1033 Resolve, To Direct the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Examine Sunday Hunting

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 107 does the following.

1. It directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to establish a stakeholder group to examine issues related to allowing Sunday hunting.
2. It directs the department to ensure that the stakeholder group is as broadly representative of interested parties and groups as possible and invite participation from at least the following: representatives of farmers, small landowners and large landowners; supporters and opponents of Sunday hunting opportunities; hunters and nonhunters; guides; persons or entities from diverse geographic regions of the State; and others with interest or expertise in the subject matter of the examination.
3. It requires the department to hire a facilitator to assist the stakeholder group in its work and provides funding for the facilitator.
4. It directs the department, in consultation with the stakeholder group, to develop and complete a survey relating to the subject matter of the examination, if the department receives adequate outside funding to fund the survey. It allows the department to seek and accept outside funding to fund the survey.
5. It directs the department to report the findings and recommendations of the stakeholder group to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by January 3, 2022. The committee is authorized to report out a bill related to Sunday hunting to the 130th Legislature.

LD 1213 Resolve, Regarding Electronic Tagging of Big Game Animals

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 49 does the following.

1. It directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to examine electronic tagging of big game animals and to report the department's findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by

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January 3, 2022. The committee is authorized to report out a bill related to big game tagging to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.

2. It directs the department to take actions necessary to increase the number of big game animal registration stations to meet registration needs. The department is authorized to allow wild game processing facilities, hunting outfitters and other appropriate hunting-related businesses to apply to be selected as registration agents and to waive requirements established in the department's rules for registration stations to operate for a minimum number of days per week or a minimum number of hours per day or to satisfy restrictions related to location.

LD 1244 An Act To Extend Electronic Proof of Registration to All-terrain Vehicles, Snowmobiles and Watercraft

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 130 allows a person to present or have available for inspection an electronic form of a registration certificate, online registration receipt or certificate of number for a snowmobile, watercraft or all-terrain vehicle.

LD 1376 An Act To Clarify and Enhance Maine's Fish and Wildlife Laws

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 184 does the following.

1. It makes technical cross-reference corrections.
2. It corrects a conflict created by Public Law 2017, chapters 427 and 458, which affected the same provision of law. It provides that no more than 8% of moose hunting permits may be issued to nonresidents and no more than 2% may be issued to hunting outfitters.
3. It removes an obsolete provision in the moose permit law related to hunting in road safety management areas.
4. It eliminates the requirement that moose hunters complete a questionnaire.
5. It provides that a person who has lawfully killed and registered a wild turkey may sell the plumage, wing bones, beard and lower legs of that animal.
6. It provides that a person may not sell any live wildlife unless authorized to do so.