

**TESTIMONY OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

**BEFORE THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

IN OPPOSITION TO L.D. 525

An Act to Increase the Registration Fee for Snowmobiles for Residents

SPONSORED BY: Representative STANLEY of Medway.

DATE OF HEARING: February 20, 2019

Good afternoon Senator Dill, Representative Nadeau and members of the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee. I am Judy Camuso, Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, representing the Department in opposition to **L.D. 525**.

This bill increases the annual snowmobile registration fee for residents from \$45 to \$55.

The last adjustment to the snowmobile registration fee was in 2015, Public Law Chapter 237, which focused on enhancing the Snowmobile Trail Fund under the oversight of the Department of Agriculture and Conservation. Our Department does not feel this is an appropriate time for a fee increase to resident snowmobilers as proposed in this bill.

If the Committee supports this proposal we would recommend to have either an emergency preamble attached so it goes into effect this June 1, 2019 or a delayed implementation date of June 1, 2020. The Department begins offering online registration of snowmobiles for the following year, during the summer.

I would be happy to answer any questions at this time or during the work session.