

**TESTIMONY OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE
BEFORE THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON INLAND
FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

In Opposition To L.D. 932

“An Act Regarding Moose Permit Subpermittees”

SPONSORED BY: Representative PICKETT of Dixfield

CO-SPONSORED BY: Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis
Representative ANDREWS of Paris
Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake
Representative MASON of Lisbon
Representative NADEAU of Winslow
Representative ORDWAY of Standish
Representative STEARNS of Guildford
Representative STEWART of Presque Isle
Representative THERIAULT of China

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Good morning Senator Dill, Representative Nadeau and members of the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee. I am Bill Swan, Director of Licensing and Registration at the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, speaking on behalf of the Department, in opposition to **L.D. 932**.

L.D. 932 specifies that if a person who is issued a moose permit dies prior to the start of the moose hunting season, that the person’s subpermittee-designate or subpemittee, if an immediate family member, must be issued that person’s permit. This is already allowed under current law. Current law allows the commissioner, in cases involving exceptional extenuating circumstances as determined by the commissioner, to authorize the transfer of a moose permit to a family member. The family member must be otherwise eligible to receive a moose permit. Current law defines a family member to mean the transferor’s spouse, child, stepchild, grandchild, parent, grandparent, stepparent, brother, sister, half-sister, half-brother, or adopted child. This law was passed in 2015 and was deliberately written to give the commissioner broad authority to authorize the transfer of a moose permit to a family member to cover a wide variety of circumstances.

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