

Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

LD 8 **An Act to Allow Hunting from Motor Vehicles for Persons Limited in Their Ability to Walk** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> LIBBY	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 8 proposes to allow any person limited in the ability to walk due to arthritis or similar health conditions to hunt from motor vehicles that are not in motion. This bill was carried over to the Second Regular session of the 119th Legislature.

LD 26 **An Act to Clarify the Responsibility of a Municipality in Enforcing Personal Watercraft Regulations** **PUBLIC 313**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> PERKINS	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-510
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LD 26 proposed to clarify that a municipality is only required to assist in the enforcement of proposed regulations that a municipality submits to the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife regarding the use, operation and type of watercraft on great ponds within the jurisdiction of that municipality.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-510) proposed that a municipality must submit a description of the resources the municipality will use to enforce or assist in the enforcement of proposed regulations regarding the use, operation and type or watercraft on great ponds within the jurisdiction of that municipality.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 313 clarifies that a municipality must submit a description of the resources the municipality will use to enforce or assist in the enforcement of proposed regulations regarding the use, operation and type or watercraft on great ponds within the jurisdiction of that municipality

LD 27 **An Act to Change the Name of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> PERKINS	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP MAJ OTP MIN	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 27 proposed to change the name of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to the Department of Inland Fish and Wildlife.

LD 39 **An Act to Increase the Deer Hunting Day by 15 Minutes** **PUBLIC 457**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PERKINS	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	

LD 39 proposed to amend the twilight hunting law to allow hunting until 15 minutes after sunset.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 457 revises the twilight hunting law to allow hunting until 15 minutes after sunset

LD 40 An Act to Allow the Use of Camouflage Hunter Orange Clothing ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PERKINS	ONTP	

LD 40 proposed to reduce the requirement to wear at least two articles of solid-colored hunter orange clothing to one article of clothing that is at least 50% hunter orange.

**LD 60 An Act to Permit the Sale of Moose Bones PUBLIC 9
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FULLER CAREY	OTP	

LD 60 proposed to allow the sale of moose bones.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 9 allows the sale of moose bones.

Chapter 9 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 11, 1999.

LD 66 An Act to Establish Licensing Requirements for Boat Operators ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BOLDUC	ONTP	

LD 66 proposed to establish licensing requirements for persons operating watercraft.

LD 83 An Act to Restrict Large Motors on Small Lakes ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BOLDUC	ONTP	

LD 83 proposed to prohibit operation of a boat with an engine of more than 10 horsepower on a body of water of 10 acres or less in area.

LD 106 An Act to Repeal Certain Laws Relating to Personal Watercraft ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CLARK	ONTP MAJ	
KIEFFER	OTP MIN	

LD 106 proposed to repeal the laws relating to personal watercraft that were passed by the 118th Legislature in the Second Special Session.

LD 110 An Act to Allow the Use of All-terrain Vehicles on the Extreme Right of a Public Way PUBLIC 310 EMERGENCY

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KNEELAND	OTP-AM	H-511
KIEFFER		

LD 110 proposed to allow the operation of ATV's on the extreme right of a public way within the built-up portion of a municipality, unorganized or incorporated township if the appropriate governmental unit has designated the public way as an ATV-access route.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-511) proposed to allow the operation of ATV's on the extreme right of a public way in any part of a municipality, if the way has been designated as an ATV-access route. It also proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 310 allows the operation of ATV's on the extreme right of a public way within any part of a municipality, unorganized or incorporated township if the appropriate governmental unit has designated the public way as an ATV-access route.

Chapter 310 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 25, 1999.

LD 126 An Act to Expand Maine's Moose Hunt CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KIEFFER		
CLARK		

LD 126 proposed to give the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife the authority to issue up to 3,000 moose permits per year beginning in 1999 and further allows moose lottery permittees to name subpermittees at the time that the permit is issued. While this bill was carried over by the committee, the Legislature enacted P. L. 402, (See LD 667) which allows 3000 permits to be drawn in 1999 and 2000.

LD 133 **An Act Regarding Portable Tree Stands** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> PERKINS		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 133 proposed to allow the use of a portable tree ladder or stand on the land of another landowner without obtaining the landowner's permission.

LD 138 **An Act to Promote the "Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs" Program** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> TRUE RUHLIN		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 138 proposed to establish a system whereby fishing license applicants may voluntarily contribute \$1 to be applied to the "Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs" program. While this bill was not enacted, the Legislature enacted Public Law 16, (See LD 618) which provides funds for the addition of a Youth Activities Coordinator, whose responsibilities will include the oversight of the "Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs" program.

LD 186 **An Act to Allow Any-deer Permits to be Transferred to Junior Hunters and Hunters 65 Years of Age or Older** **PUBLIC 141**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> DAVIS P		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-71
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LD 186 proposed to allow a juvenile to take an antlerless deer if an adult family member holds a valid antlerless deer permit and transfers the permit to the juvenile.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-71) proposed to change the term "juvenile" to "junior hunter" and further proposed to allow the transfer of antlerless deer permits to persons 65 years of age or older.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 141 allows a junior hunter to take an antlerless deer if an adult family member holds a valid antlerless deer permit and transfers the permit to the junior hunter and further allows the similar transfer of antlerless deer permits to persons 65 years of age or older.

LD 187 **An Act to Change the Dates of the Moose Hunting Season** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAVIS P CARR	ONTP	

LD 187 proposed to change the moose hunting season to the last six days in September.

LD 196 An Act to Prohibit Rewards to Fish and Wildlife Informants ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PERKINS	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

LD 196 proposed to prohibit state agencies or private persons from giving monetary rewards to persons who report violations of the fish and wildlife laws.

LD 200 An Act Regarding the Posting of Land Against Hunting ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BROOKS	ONTP	

LD 200 proposed to require landowners to date signs posting land. The bill proposed that such signs remain effective for five years after being posted.

LD 219 An Act to Require On-duty Government Employees to Wear the Same Orange Clothing as Hunters When in the Woods during Deer Season ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PERKINS	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

LD 219 proposed that all state and federal employees wear hunter orange while on duty in the woods during open firearm season.

LD 249 An Act to Give Citizens 70 Years of Age and Older Free Bear and Duck Hunters Stamps PUBLIC 480

Sponsor(s)
WHEELER G
MACKINNON

Committee Report
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted
H-191

LD 249 proposed to add the bear hunting permit and the migratory waterfowl permit to the complimentary licenses and permits that may be received by a resident of this State who is 70 years of age or older.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 480 adds bear and migratory waterfowl permits to the complimentary licenses and permits that may be received by a resident of this State who is 70 years of age or older.

LD 259

An Act to Secure Wounded Deer

PUBLIC 467

Sponsor(s)
USHER

Committee Report
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted
H-512

LD 259 proposed to create a license authorizing a person to use leashed dogs to track a lawfully wounded deer. The bill proposed that the license be issued by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, with an annual fee for the license of \$25.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-512) proposed to postpone the effective date of the new licensing provision proposed in the bill until January 1, 2000. The amendment also proposed to require the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to submit to the Legislature by January 15, 2000 provisionally adopted rules specifying when and how a person holding that license may lawfully use leashed dogs to track wounded deer.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 467 creates a license authorizing a person to use leashed dogs to track a lawfully wounded deer. The license is issued by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. The annual fee for the license is \$25. The effective date of the law creating a new license is January 1, 2000. The law also requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to submit to the Legislature by January 15, 2000 provisionally adopted rules specifying when and how a person holding that license may lawfully use leashed dogs to track wounded deer.

LD 275

An Act to Allow a Person Hunting with a Muzzle-loader to Take an Antlerless Deer

ONTP

Sponsor(s)
WHEELER G
CASSIDY

Committee Report
ONTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 275 proposed to allow a person hunting with a muzzle-loader to hunt any kind of deer.

LD 287

An Act to Impose Stricter OUI Penalties on Operators of Watercraft, ATVs and Snowmobiles

PUBLIC 312

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAMERON	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-509

LD 287 proposed to make the penalties for operating watercraft, snowmobiles and ATV's while under the influence of intoxicants or with an excessive blood-alcohol level the same as the penalties for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence. This bill also proposed to require a law enforcement official to secure the watercraft, snowmobile or ATV so the intoxicated person can not immediately use that vehicle.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-509) proposed to increase the fines for operating a watercraft, ATV or snowmobile while under the influence of alcohol to equal the fine for motor vehicle OUI for a first offense, second offense and third or more offenses. The amendment proposed to remove from the bill the provision requiring a law enforcement officer to secure vehicles.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 312 increases the fines for operating a watercraft, ATV or snowmobile while under the influence of alcohol to equal the fine for motor vehicle OUI for a first offense, second offense and third or more offenses.

LD 296

An Act to Require Written Permission from Landowners for Hunting

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BUCK	ONTP	

LD 296 proposed to require that hunters of deer, moose or bear obtain written permission from land owners before hunting on privately owned property.

LD 309

An Act Regarding the Funding of Search and Rescue Efforts by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KILKELLY DUNLAP	ONTP	

LD 309 proposed to require that search and rescue efforts conducted by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife must be specifically budgeted for and paid by the General Fund.

LD 310

An Act to Allow Children to Fish from the Banks of Rivers Designated as CARRIED OVER Quality Fishing Rivers

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KIEFFER DUNLAP		

LD 310 proposes that the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife list in its special fishing rules all rivers or river segments identified as quality fishing rivers. The bill proposes to require those rivers to be listed together and in one location in that rule book. Regardless of any other special regulations adopted by the department, the bill also proposes to open those quality fishing rivers to fishing during the open fishing season by children under 12 years of age who fish from the bank, using a single baited hook and line.

LD 325 An Act to Change the Time of the Moose Hunting Season ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BENOIT	ONTP	

LD 325 proposed to require the moose hunting season to occur during the third week of October.

LD 326 An Act to Allow a Person Who Possesses an Archery Hunting License to Shoot a Deer During the Regular Hunting Season ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAVIS P CARR	ONTP	

LD 326 proposed to allow a person who has killed a deer during the special archery season for deer to kill a second deer with a firearm during the regular firearm season for deer.

LD 334 An Act to Remove the Prohibition against Carrying a Loaded Hunting Weapon in a Motor Vehicle ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PERKINS	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

LD 334 proposed to allow a licensed or otherwise authorized hunter or trapper to carry a loaded firearm in a motor vehicle without a concealed weapons permit.

LD 336 An Act Regarding Exhibition of Licenses from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife PUBLIC 220

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TRUE RUHLIN	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-283

LD 336 proposed to require a person holding a license or permit issued by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to keep that license or permit on that person's person while engaged in the licensed activity or while transporting fish, wild animals or wild birds. The bill also proposed to require the person to exhibit that license or permit upon request to a warden or other law enforcement officer, an employee of the department or the owner of the land on which the licensed activity is taking place.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-283) proposed to clarify that a hunting or fishing license must be exhibited for inspection and also proposed to allow registered Maine guides to inspect hunting or fishing licenses.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 220 requires a person holding a license or permit issued by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to keep that license or permit on that person's person while engaged in the licensed activity or while transporting fish, wild animals or wild birds. The law also requires the person to exhibit that license or permit upon request to a warden or other law enforcement officer, a registered Maine guide, an employee of the department or the owner of the land on which the licensed activity is taking place.

LD 341 An Act to Increase the Amount Retained by Agents Who Sell Hunting and Fishing Licenses PUBLIC 168

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CROSS FERGUSON	OTP MAJ ONTP MIN	

LD 341 proposed to increase the fee from \$1 to \$2 that agents and clerks appointed by the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife charge for hunting and fishing licenses.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 168 increases the fee from \$1 to \$2 that agents and clerks appointed by the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife charge for hunting and fishing licenses

LD 343 An Act to Protect Deer in Wintering Areas CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CHICK KILKELLY		

LD 343 proposes to appropriate an additional \$20,000 annually to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife for the coyote control program to pay experienced trappers to catch coyotes in areas of the State where coyote predation in deer wintering areas is limiting the department's effort to rebuild the deer herd.

LD 371 **An Act to Allow A Disabled Person to Use a Crossbow during Archery Hunting Season** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MACK DAVIS P		

LD 371 proposes to allow a disabled person to use a crossbow during archery hunting season.

LD 374 **An Act to Enhance the Marketing and Promotion Capabilities of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife** **PUBLIC 447**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KILKELLY BRYANT	OTP-AM	S-70

LD 374 proposed to do the following 3 things to improve and enhance the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's authority to market and promote department programs.

1. Allow the commissioner to reduce the price of certain types of licenses for specified periods of time to promote license sales for hunting and fishing.
2. Allows the commissioner to accept donations in support of specific programs.
3. Set up dedicated accounts for these programs.

This bill was submitted on behalf of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-70) proposed to clarify that donations and funds from sale of general merchandise may be deposited into a dedicated account. In addition, the amendment proposed to add language to repeal the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 7035, subsections 16-A and 19, effective April 1, 2001 and requires that the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife report back by January 15, 2001 to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife on the impact of this account on promotional activities.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 447 allow the commissioner to reduce the price of certain types of licenses for specified periods of time to promote license sales for hunting and fishing. The law also allows the commissioner to accept donations in support of specific programs and sets up dedicated accounts for these programs. The law clarifies that donations and funds from sale of general merchandise may be deposited into the dedicated accounts. The law regarding the dedicated account is repealed April 1, 2001. The law requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife report back by January 15, 2001 to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife on the impact of this account on promotional activities.

LD 392 **An Act to Allow Sunday Hunting on Land Subject to the Jurisdiction of the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DUNLAP MICHAUD	ONTP	

LD 392 proposed to allow hunting on Sundays throughout land under the jurisdiction of the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission for small game, upland birds, wild ducks and wild geese.

LD 393 An Act to Redefine Hunting PUBLIC 147

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DUNLAP	OTP-AM	H-206

LD 393 proposed to change the definition of hunting.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-206) proposed to make further changes to the definition of hunting.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 147 changes the definition of hunting to mean to pursue, catch, take, kill or harvest wild birds or animals or to attempt to catch, take, kill or harvest wild birds or animals.

LD 394 An Act Regarding Hunting Implements PUBLIC 53

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DUNLAP MICHAUD	OTP	

LD 394 proposed to repeal the prohibition on the use of swivels and pivots during hunting.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 53 repeals the prohibition on the use of swivels and pivots during hunting.

LD 397 An Act to Allow Free Access to Waters Stocked With Fish by the State ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CLARK CASSIDY	ONTP MAJ OTP MIN	

LD 397 proposed that fish or fish spawn raised by the State may not be introduced into any inland waters unless free access to the public is available whenever these waters are open to fishing pursuant to law.

LD 401 An Act to Promote the Hunters for the Hungry Program ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CHICK FERGUSON	ONTP	

LD 401 proposed to allow hunting license applicants to voluntarily contribute \$1 to the Hunters for the Hungry Program.

LD 402 An Act to Establish a Fishing Rules Policy ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CHICK FERGUSON	ONTP MAJ OTP MIN	

LD 402 proposed to prioritize the guidelines that the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife must follow to protect fish populations.

LD 404 An Act Regarding Shooting Over or From a Public Paved Way PUBLIC 219

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CROSS FERGUSON	OTP-AM	H-287

LD 404 proposed to change the current prohibition on hunting wild birds and wild animals from a public paved way to a prohibition on shooting at wild birds and wild animals from a paved way.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-287) proposed to change the prohibition of shooting across a public way to shooting.

This amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 219 LD 404 changes the current prohibition on hunting wild birds and wild animals from a public paved way to a prohibition on shooting at wild birds and wild animals from over a public paved way.

LD 419 An Act to Amend the Laws Pertaining to Turkey Hunting ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KILKELLY	ONTP	

LD 419 proposed to require applicants for turkey hunting permits to possess a valid Maine big game hunting license prior to applying and increases the application fee for residents, nonresidents and aliens. The proposed change would not take effect until November 30, 1999 for the turkey season beginning the first weekday in May 2000. This bill was submitted on behalf of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

LD 430 An Act to Limit the Taking of Antlerless Deer by Property Owners ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DUNLAP	ONTP	

LD 430 proposed that a landowner who keeps land open to hunting by the public may submit applications for only two hunters per parcel of land for purposes of the antlerless deer permit system.

LD 446 An Act to Amend the Application Process for the Moose Lottery ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PERKINS	ONTP	

LD 446 proposed to repeal the provisions of law that allow a person to purchase more than one chance in the moose lottery.

LD 450 An Act to Allow Hunters to Kill a 2nd Deer during the Muzzle-loading Season ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WATERHOUSE	ONTP	

LD 450 proposed to allow a person who has killed a deer during the regular deer hunting season to kill a second deer with a muzzle-loading firearm during the muzzle-loading hunting season for deer.

LD 465 Resolve, to Permit the Maine Warden Service to Return a Donated All-terrain Vehicle to the Donor RESOLVE 8

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAMPBELL RUHLIN	OTP	

LD 465 proposed to allow the Maine Warden Service to return to Carolyn Bidwell the all-terrain vehicle she donated to the service in May 1991.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 1999, chapter 8 allows the Maine Warden Service to return to Carolyn Bidwell the all-terrain vehicle she donated to the service in May 1991.

LD 473

An Act to Clarify the Laws Pertaining to the Importation of Fish

PUBLIC 315

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> KILKELLY DUNLAP		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-249
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LD 473 proposed to clarify the authority of the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to deny an importation permit if it is determined that the species poses a significant risk to the health, habitat or genetic integrity of any native species of fish or other organisms. This bill was submitted on behalf of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-249) proposed to clarify the authority of the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to deny importation permits if it is determined that a species poses an unreasonable risk to any species of fish or other organism after reviewing fish health, habitat and population management issues. The amendment further proposed to clarify that the commissioner has no authority to issue permits governing any aspect of the commercial aquaculture of Atlantic salmon. The amendment proposed to provide that the commissioner may adopt rules allowing the importation of certain species of tropical fish and goldfish without a permit, for aquarium purposes only.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 315 clarifies the authority of the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to deny importation permits if it is determined that a species poses an unreasonable risk to any species of fish or other organism after reviewing fish health, habitat and population management issues. The law further clarifies that the commissioner has no authority to issue permits governing any aspect of the commercial aquaculture of Atlantic salmon. The law provides that the commissioner may adopt rules allowing the importation of certain species of tropical fish and goldfish without a permit, for aquarium purposes only.

LD 480

An Act Regarding Hunting on One's Own Land

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> KILKELLY DUNLAP		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 480 proposed to increase the minimum parcel size that authorizes a landowner to hunt on that parcel without a license from 10 to 25 acres and to repeal the requirement that the land only be used for agricultural purposes. This bill also proposed to require that the parcel be open to hunting in order for the landowner to be able to hunt on that parcel without a license.

LD 481 **An Act to Keep Public Lands Open to Hunting, Fishing and Trapping** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KILKELLY DUNLAP		

LD 481 proposes to provide that hunting, fishing and trapping must be allowed on all nonreserved public lands, reserved public lands and undeveloped areas within state parks.

LD 486 **An Act Regarding Fish Stocking** **PUBLIC 416**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAVAGE W	OTP-AM	H-607 H-665 DUNLAP

LD 486 proposed to require that the Bureau of Resource Management within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife adopt rules pursuant to the Maine Administrative Procedure Act before stocking a water body that has not been stocked for 5 or more years or stocking a species of fish into a water body that has not previously been stocked into that water body.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-607) proposed to replace the bill. It proposed to require the Bureau of Resource Management in the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to sponsor meetings at which regional fisheries biologists will discuss the management opportunities presented by the proposed changes regarding fish stocking and the information supporting the proposed changes, as well as to receive public comments about the proposals.

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-665) proposed to clarify that when the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife determines there is a need to consider changing the long-term management objectives regarding fish stocking, the department must provide information regarding such a proposal to any person at that person's request.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 416 clarifies that when the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife determines there is a need to consider changing the long-term management objectives regarding fish stocking, the department must provide information regarding such a proposal to any person at that person's request. The law also requires the Bureau of Resource Management in the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to provide their regional fisheries biologists at these meetings to discuss the management opportunities presented by the proposed changes regarding fish stocking and the information supporting the proposed changes, as well as to receive public comments about the proposals.

LD 513 **An Act to Require Resident Moose Lottery Applicants to Hold Big Game Hunting Licenses** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DUNLAP	ONTP	

LD 513 proposed to require residents of this State to possess a valid big game hunting license before entering the moose lottery.

LD 514 An Act to Restrict a Landowner's Right to Kill Nuisance Animals ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> DUNLAP		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 514 proposed to prohibit landowners from killing nuisance deer on their land if the landowner prohibits hunting on that land. This bill also proposed that landowners may only keep two nuisance deer killed and that all additional deer carcasses be donated to the Hunters for the Hungry Program.

LD 520 An Act to Increase the Number of Moose Hunting Permits to 3,000 ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> PERKINS		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 520 proposed to increase the number of moose hunting permits to 3,000. While the committee voted ONTP on this bill, the Legislature enacted P. L. 402, (See LD 667) which increases the number of moose permits to 3000 for the years 1999 and 2000.

LD 524 An Act to Reauthorize and Expand the Special Archery Season on Deer ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> WHEELER G KIEFFER		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 524 proposed to reauthorize a special archery season on deer and expands the special archery season from September 1st to December 15th. This bill also proposed to allow the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to adopt rules to allow an archery deer hunting license holder to take two or more deer in certain areas. While this bill was not enacted, the Legislature enacted public law 16, which reauthorizes the special archery season.

LD 536 An Act to Improve Wild Game Transportation Laws PUBLIC 322

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> KILKELLY DUNLAP		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-248
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LD 536 proposed to repeal the \$55 fee on residents who transport their deer or bear out of State, proposed to repeal the \$5 fee to have someone else transport those animals in this State and proposed to eliminate the requirement that nonresident hunters obtain a nonresident transportation permit before transporting a deer or bear out of State using someone other than a Maine licensed transportation company.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-248) proposed to clarify that nonresidents may transport home any lawfully harvested wild animals or wild birds, and that nonresidents may have game transported home by another individual or common carrier provided that that nonresident is properly licensed and has obtained a no-cost transportation permit.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 322 repeals the \$55 fee on residents who transport their deer or bear out of State, repeals the \$5 fee to have someone else transport those animals in this State and clarifies that nonresidents may transport home any lawfully harvested wild animals or wild birds, and that nonresidents may have game transported home by another individual or common carrier provided that that nonresident is properly licensed and has obtained a no-cost transportation permit.

LD 561 **An Act to Allow Persons 65 Years of Age and Older to Shoot a Deer of Either Sex** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAVAGE C	ONTP	

LD 561 proposed to allow a resident of the State who is 65 years of age or older to lawfully take an antlerless deer during the open season on deer.

LD 564 **An Act to Exempt Donnell Pond and Tunk Lake from Personal Watercraft Prohibition** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PINKHAM	ONTP MAJ OTP MIN	

LD 564 proposed to repeal the prohibition on the use of personal watercraft on Tunk Lake and Donnell Pond, both in the Town of Hancock.

LD 577 **An Act to Allow Noncommercial Whitewater Rafting Clubs to Submit Names of Dues-paying Members Only** **PUBLIC 153**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WINSOR	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-192 H-224 CLARK

LD 577 proposed to allow a noncommercial whitewater rafting club to submit more than one amended membership list in any calendar year.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-192) proposed to require noncommercial whitewater rafting clubs to submit only annual lists of dues-paying members and eliminates the requirement that only members whose names appear on the lists may participate in rafting trips. This amendment also proposed to require the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to report back to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters with regard to the impact of this legislation and safety and overcrowding concerns.

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-224) proposed to require noncommercial whitewater rafting clubs to submit annual lists of dues-paying members between April 1st and November 1st.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 153 requires noncommercial whitewater rafting clubs to submit only annual lists of dues-paying members to submit annual lists of dues-paying members between April 1st and November 1st and eliminates the requirement that only members whose names appear on the lists may participate in rafting trips. The law also requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to report back to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters with regard to the impact of this legislation and safety and overcrowding concerns.

LD 604 **An Act to Allow Maine Residents Over 70 Years of Age to Obtain Any Deer Permit** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAMERON	ONTP	

LD 604 proposed to allow residents 70 years of age and older to obtain an any-deer permit.

LD 612 **An Act Regarding Juvenile Hunters** **PUBLIC 134**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TRUE KIEFFER	OTP MAJ ONTP MIN	

LD 612 proposed to require that an adult other than the parent or guardian accompanying a juvenile hunter must possess a hunting license or have completed a hunter safety course acceptable to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 134 requires that an adult other than the parent or guardian accompanying a juvenile hunter must possess a hunting license or have completed a hunter safety course acceptable to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

testing methods to be used by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, one stationary test and one operational test. The law authorizes the transfer of \$6,000 in fiscal year 1999-00 from the Carrying Balance Account program within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife for the purchase of 5 noise meters.

LD 663 **An Act to Clarify the Powers of Game Wardens When Stopping Motor Vehicles** **PUBLIC 317**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KILKELLY DUNLAP	OTP-AM	S-251

LD 663 proposed to give game wardens the same authority to stop motor vehicles as is allowed other law enforcement officers. The current statute limits the authority of game wardens to stop motor vehicles by requiring wardens to articulate that a violation of fish and game laws has occurred prior to stopping a vehicle. This bill was submitted on behalf of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-251) proposed to replace the bill and make it an emergency. The amendment proposed to allow a game warden to stop a motor vehicle when necessary to protect a person from the threat of death or personal injury. That new authority would be repealed 90 days after adjournment of the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature. The amendment also proposed to clarify the authority of a warden to request information from an operator of a motor vehicle.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 317 allows a game warden to stop a motor vehicle when necessary to protect a person from the threat of death or personal injury. That new authority is repealed 90 days after adjournment of the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature. The law also clarifies the authority of a warden to request information from an operator of a motor vehicle.

Chapter 317 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 25, 1999.

LD 667 **An Act to Allow the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Determine the Number of Moose Permits to Be Awarded** **PUBLIC 402
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KIEFFER CLARK	OTP-AM	S-313

LD 667 proposed that in the year 2000 and in each year thereafter the number of moose permits awarded will be determined annually by the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-313) proposed to replace the bill. It proposed to make an additional 1,000 moose permits available for 1999 and 2000. It proposed that these permits would be drawn at a bonus chance lottery held after the regularly scheduled lottery. It proposed to allow anyone who has applied for a moose permit in 1999 and 2000 who is not selected in the regular drawing to automatically be entered into the bonus chance lottery. It proposed to allow half

of the permits issued as a result of this bonus lottery to be for antlerless moose, those without antlers or moose with antlers shorter than their ears. The 1999 zone allocations for the additional permits were included in this amendment.

This amendment also proposed to give the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife authority to set the length and timing of the moose season beginning in the year 2000 and the number of permits for moose hunts taking place in 2001 and later. It proposed that the commissioner shall report each year on the commissioner's proposed actions concerning management of the moose herd to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

This amendment also proposed to add an emergency preamble and an emergency clause to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 402 makes an additional 1,000 moose permits available for 1999 and 2000. These permits will be drawn at a bonus chance lottery held after the regularly scheduled lottery. Anyone who has applied for a moose permit in 1999 and 2000 who is not selected in the regular drawing will automatically be entered into the bonus chance lottery. Half of the permits issued as a result of this bonus lottery will be for antlerless moose, those without antlers or moose with antlers shorter than their ears. This legislation includes the 1999 zone allocations for the additional permits.

This law also gives the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife authority to set the length and timing of the moose season beginning in the year 2000 and the number of permits for moose hunts taking place in 2001 and later. The commissioner shall report each year on the commissioner's proposed actions concerning management of the moose herd to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

Chapter 402 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 4, 1999.

LD 701 An Act to Repeal Prior Registration for Noncommercial Whitewater Rafting Trips ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> PERKINS		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 701 proposed to repeal the requirement that noncommercial whitewater rafters register before taking trips on stretches of rivers for which allocations are made for commercial whitewater trips. It proposed to reenact under a new subsection of the statutes an existing requirement that commercial whitewater outfitters must register noncommercial passengers who travel on commercial whitewater trips that take place along stretches of river regulated by commercial allocations.

LD 728 An Act to Prohibit Closed Hunts ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> DUNLAP KILKELLY		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 728 proposed to prohibit closed hunts and to set penalties for organizing or participating in closed hunts.

LD 730

An Act to Allow Certain Disabled Persons to Fly-fish With Open-faced Reels

CARRIED OVER

Sponsor(s)
BERRY R

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

LD 730 proposes to require the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to adopt rules that permit physically disabled persons to fly-fish with an open-faced reel if their disability would prevent them from fly-fishing without the use of this type of reel.

LD 737

An Act to Extend the Open Water Fishing Season

PUBLIC 319

Sponsor(s)
DUNLAP

Committee Report
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted
H-513

LD 737 proposed to open up all the State's waters to open water fishing at all times that the waters are naturally free from ice. The bill proposed to require salmonids to be caught with artificial lures and flies between October 1st and April 1st and that the salmonids be released immediately after being caught.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-513) proposed to replace the bill. The amendment proposed to broaden the authority of the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife with respect to extending the open-water fishing season. The amendment also proposed to require the commissioner to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by February 15, 2000 on any rule-making activities taken or anticipated under that new authority.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 319 broadens the authority of the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife with respect to extending the open-water fishing season. The law also requires the commissioner to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by February 15, 2000 on any rule-making activities taken or anticipated under that new authority.

LD 747

An Act to Prohibit Hunting of Migratory Waterfowl on Round Pond in Union

ONTP

Sponsor(s)
SAVAGE C

Committee Report
ONTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 747 proposed to provide that a person is guilty of hunting waterfowl on Round Pond if that person hunts any migratory waterfowl on Round Pond in the Town of Union, County of Knox, from the inlet at Union Fairground to the outlet at True's Bridge on State Highway #235.

LD 751

An Act to Amend the Moose Hunting Laws

**PUBLIC 324
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MICHAUD		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 751 proposed to allow a person who is less than the eligible age for obtaining a moose hunting permit to apply for a permit provided that person reaches the eligible age by the opening of the moose season.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 324 allows a person who is less than the eligible age to apply for a permit, provided that person reaches the eligible age by the opening of the moose season.
Chapter 324 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 25, 1999.

LD 771

An Act to Allow Deer Hunting on Sundays

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> STANLEY		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 771 proposed to allow deer hunting on Sundays during the open deer season.

LD 775

An Act to Revise Hunting and Fishing License Revocation Laws

PUBLIC 320

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> TRUE CAREY		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 775 proposed to repeal mandatory hunting and fishing license suspensions for abuse of property while hunting and fishing.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 320 repeals mandatory hunting and fishing license suspensions for abuse of property while hunting and fishing.

LD 780

An Act to Allow Hunters to Carry and Use a Standard-size Flashlight

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> TRACY		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 780 proposed to clarify that a hunter may carry and use a flashlight without being guilty of night hunting.

LD 782

An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Commercial Shooting Area Hunting Licenses

**PUBLIC 325
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TRACY	OTP-AM	H-514

LD 782 proposed to establish a reduced fee for a three-day special commercial shooting area hunting license and proposed to allow the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to waive the license requirement for a hunter who completes the safe hunter course.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-514) proposed to replace the bill. It proposed to reformat the requirements as originally proposed and add a special 24-hour commercial shooting area hunting license for \$5. The amendment also proposed to add an emergency preamble and an emergency clause.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 325 reformats the requirements for a three-day special commercial shooting area hunting license and adds a special 24-hour commercial shooting area hunting license for \$5. The law allows the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to waive the license requirement for a hunter who completes the safe hunter course.

Chapter 325 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 25, 1999.

LD 844

An Act to Change the Moose Hunting Season to the Last Week of September

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CLARK	ONTP	

LD 844 proposed to require the moose hunting season be in the last full week of September.

LD 846

An Act to Allow Elderly License Holders and Children to Fish by Any Method

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAVAGE C		

LD 846 proposes to allow elderly license holders and children to take fish by any method.

LD 851

An Act to Establish a Lottery for Deer Hunters to Allow a Hunter to Take 2 Deer

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MENDROS MILLS	ONTP	

LD 851 proposed to allow the establishment of a lottery system to allow a licensed hunter to hunt a second deer if that person receives one of 25,000 free permits in a public drawing system.

LD 854 An Act Concerning the Use of Foot-hold Traps for Coyote in the ONTP
Unorganized Territory

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CLARK DAVIS P	ONTP	

LD 854 proposed to change the requirement for visiting foot-hold traps set for coyote in unorganized places from at least once a day to at least once every 72 hours.

LD 875 An Act to Minimize the Harmful Effects of Lead PUBLIC 380

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DUNLAP DOUGLASS	OTP-AM	H-566 S-298 KILKELLY

LD 875 proposed to prohibit the use of an artificial lure or sinker for fishing after January 1, 2000 that contains any lead and weighs less than two ounces.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-566) proposed to replace the bill to make the sale of lead sinkers weighing 1/2 ounce or less illegal after January 1, 2002.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-298) proposed to clarify the language of the committee amendment to prohibit the sale of sinkers made of lead.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 380 makes the sale of lead sinkers weighing 1/2 ounce or less illegal after January 1, 2002.

LD 916 An Act to Expand Deer Hunting Opportunities for Juvenile Hunters ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SHERMAN	ONTP	

LD 916 proposed to allow a person older than 10 but younger than 17 to take a male or female deer if that person has never before taken a deer.

LD 971 **An Act to Allow Three Hunters to Hunt Deer Together** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> PERKINS		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 971 proposes to allow 3 hunters to hunt deer together without being guilty of driving deer.

LD 972 **An Act to Allow Hunters to Kill One Deer During Each Hunting Season** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> KASPRZAK		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 972 proposed to allow a person to kill one deer during the general open hunting season, one deer during the muzzle-loading hunting season and one deer during the archery season.

LD 978 **An Act to Allow a Subpermittee on a Moose Hunting Permit to Be Named after the Moose Lottery** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> KIEFFER DUNLAP		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 978 proposed to allow a person who is awarded a moose permit to name a subpermittee after the moose lottery if that person notifies the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife of the name of the subpermittee at least five business days prior to the first day of the moose season.

LD 986 **Resolve, Establishing a Commission to Study the Needs and Opportunities Associated with the Production of Salmonid Sport Fish in Maine** **RESOLVE 82 EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> KIEFFER DUNLAP		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-641 DUNLAP S-296 S-459 MICHAUD
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LD 986 proposed to create a study commission to study the feasibility of reestablishing a brook trout and landlocked salmon hatchery in Northern Maine. It proposed that the commission submit its report and any accompanying legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature.

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SHOREY	ONTP	

LD 1030 proposed to establish an annual season for hunting coyotes by snare that runs from December 1st to March 31st. It proposed to allow a person to utilize an unlimited number of snares to hunt coyote.

LD 1052 An Act to Assist Disabled Fly-fishing Anglers CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
NUTTING J		

LD 1052 proposes to allow a person with a disability to utilize a spin-casting reel and rod and an artificial fly when fishing in waters designated as fly-fishing-only waters.

LD 1072 An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Antique Snowmobile Registration ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KIEFFER KNEELAND	ONTP	

LD 1072 proposed to clarify that a snowmobile registered as an antique snowmobile may be used for occasional personal use and is not be used for commercial purposes. The language of this bill was included in LD 2088, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Omnibus bill.

LD 1086 An Act to Improve Snowmobile Trail Grooming INDEF PP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAMERON PARADIS	OTP	

LD 1086 proposed to allow the Department of Conservation’s Snowmobile Fund to be used for grants to snowmobile clubs, municipalities and counties for the purchase of snowmobile trail maintenance equipment. The bill also proposed to appropriate \$500,000 in each of the next two fiscal years to the Snowmobile Trail Fund specifically for such grants.

LD 1103 An Act to Lower the September Bowhunting License Fee ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WHEELER G CAREY	ONTP	

LD 1103 proposed to reduce the expanded archery deer hunting license fee from \$40 to \$20 for a resident and from \$80 to \$40 for a nonresident. The bill also proposed to remove language that repealed the laws governing the expanded archery deer hunting season on April 1, 1999.

LD 1108 **An Act to Create the Home Port Rule** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> DUNLAP		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1108 proposed to allow a person to operate a personal watercraft on a body of water on which use of personal watercraft is otherwise banned if the person owns land on the shore of that body of water and if the person owns the personal watercraft.

LD 1150 **An Act to Amend the Moose Hunting Laws** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> SIROIS		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1150 proposed to allow a moose hunting permit holder to take either one male moose or two female moose.

LD 1175 **An Act to Create a 2-year Moratorium on the "Bucks Only" Restriction Imposed on Deer Hunters** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> KASPRZAK		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1175 proposed to allow a person to kill a male deer or female deer during the deer hunting seasons in calendar years 1999 and 2000.

LD 1195 **An Act to Create Accountability in the Management of Trout and Salmon in Maine** **PUBLIC 326**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> KIEFFER DUNLAP		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-252
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LD 1195 proposed to make any rule that affects the management of brook trout or landlocked salmon a major substantive rule under the Maine Administrative Procedure Act. The bill also proposed to require the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to include in its submission to the Legislature documentation on at least two years of prior research by qualified fisheries biologists demonstrating the need for the proposed change.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-252) proposed to change fishing rules from major substantive to routine technical rules, strike the research plan requirements in the bill and require the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to provide information to the public with regard to biological and fisheries perspectives and opportunities. The amendment also proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 326 provides that any rule that affects the management of brook trout or landlocked salmon is a routine technical rule. The law also requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to provide information to the public with regard to biological and fisheries perspectives and opportunities.

LD 1204

An Act to Amend the Fishing Laws

PUBLIC 321

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> KILKELLY DUNLAP	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-253
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The bill proposed to redefine the terms "single-baited hook," "fly" and "fly fishing." It also proposed to clarify that the prohibition on trolling applies only to persons fishing from mechanically powered boats, clarify that one-day and three-day fishing licenses are valid for the hours specified on the license, amend the laws regarding fishing with illegal implements and repeal the laws pertaining to the illegal use of helicopters.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-253) proposed to clarify that the definition of fly fishing means casting and retrieval in a manner in which the weight of the fly line propels the fly. It also proposed to clarify that the prohibition on trolling applies only to persons fishing from wind, manual or mechanically powered boats.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 321 redefines the terms "single-baited hook," and "fly" and clarifies the definition of "fly fishing" to mean casting and retrieval in a manner in which the weight of the fly line propels the fly. It also clarifies that the prohibition on trolling applies only to persons fishing from wind, manual or mechanically powered boats, clarifies that one-day and three-day fishing licenses are valid for the hours specified on the license, amends the laws regarding fishing with illegal implements and repeals the laws pertaining to the illegal use of helicopters.

LD 1225

Resolve, to Direct the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Review Rules for Compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> BERRY R	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1225 proposes to require the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to review the departmental rules and regulations to ensure compliance with the federal Americans With Disabilities Act. This resolve also proposes to require the commissioner to report back to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by January 15, 2000 with regard to rule modifications to obtain compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act.

LD 1236

An Act Concerning Ownership of a Rafting Company

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DUNLAP	ONTP MAJ OTP MIN	

LD 1236 proposed to allow affiliated whitewater rafting operations to operate whitewater trips on the same river for which allocations are required if the number of outfitters who are affiliated does not exceed two; a person with majority ownership in one affiliated outfitter does not hold a majority ownership in the other affiliated outfitter; and the affiliated outfitters are issued allocations for the river or stretch of river. This bill also proposed to allow an affiliated outfitter who operates under these provisions to be issued the maximum number of allocations permitted for that river or stretch of river.

LD 1313

An Act to Give the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife the Sole Discretion to Determine the Need for and Location of Boat Launches

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CLARK		

LD 1313 proposes to prohibit the construction of a boat launch in the State unless the launch is approved by the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

LD 1328

An Act Regarding the Shooting of Domestic Animals

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KILKELLY	ONTP	

LD 1328 proposed to amend the fish and wildlife law pertaining to shooting domestic animals. The bill proposed to drop the condition that the shooting must have occurred while on a hunting trip or while in pursuit of wild animals or wild birds and proposed to clarify that the prohibition against shooting domestic animals applies only if the domestic animal that is shot belongs to another person.

LD 1332

An Act to Prohibit Hunting Animals in Enclosed Areas

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KILKELLY DUNLAP		

LD 1332 proposes to amend the cruelty-to-animals law that prohibits hunting or selling for the purpose of hunting any animal that is not covered by the provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, Part 10. This bill proposes to repeal the current law and inserts in the Maine Criminal Code a prohibition on confined animal hunting operations, described

as selling or offering to sell the opportunity to hunt an animal that is owned, controlled, confined or artificially enclosed for the purpose of facilitating the opportunity to hunt the animal. In this bill, operation of confined animal hunting operations is a Class E crime.

LD 1338 **An Act to Provide a Free Hunting License to a Person Who Has Lost the Use of One Arm** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> AHEARNE		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1338 proposes to allow the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to issue complimentary hunting and fishing licenses to a Maine resident who suffers from the loss of the use of one arm.

LD 1368 **An Act to Ensure a Fair Distribution of Hunting Permits** **PUBLIC 323**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> SCHNEIDER DAVIS P		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-567 H-585 CAMERON
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LD 1368 proposed to provide that the percentage of antlerless deer, moose and wild turkey permits issued to nonresident or alien hunters may not exceed the percentage of all applicants who are nonresidents and aliens.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-567) proposed to limit the percentage of antlerless deer permits and wild turkey permits that may be issued to nonresident and alien hunters to the average percentage of applicants for those permits over the previous three years who were nonresidents or aliens. The amendment also proposed to limit the number of antlerless deer permits that may be issued to nonresident and alien hunters to not more than 15% of the antlerless deer permits issued in any district or zone and proposed to limit the number of wild turkey permits that may be issued to nonresident and alien hunters to not more than 15% of all wild turkey permits issued statewide.

The amendment also proposed to strike from the bill those provisions affecting moose permits and proposed to make the bill effective on January 1, 2000.

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-585) was proposed on behalf of the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading to account for changes made by Public Law 1999, chapter 141, section 1.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 323, effective on January 1, 2000, limits the percentage of antlerless deer permits and wild turkey permits that may be issued to nonresident and alien hunters to the average percentage of applicants for those permits over the previous three years who were nonresidents or aliens. The law also limits the number of antlerless deer permits that may be issued to nonresident and alien hunters to not more than 15% of the antlerless deer permits issued in any district or zone and proposed to limit the number of wild turkey permits that may be issued to nonresident and alien hunters to not more than 15% of all wild turkey permits issued statewide..

LD 1370 **An Act to Reduce the Age at which a Maine Citizen May Obtain a Free Fishing and Hunting License and to Provide Free Licenses for Military Personnel** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> JACOBS	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1370 proposes to allow a resident of the State who is 65 years of age or older to receive a free hunting and fishing license. The bill also proposes to allow a person who is in active military service to receive a free hunting and fishing license.

LD 1387 An Act to Facilitate Moose Hunting Permits for Active Military Personnel ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> COWGER	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1387 proposed to eliminate the possession of a big game hunting license as a prerequisite to purchasing a multiple-chance moose hunt application for Maine residents on active duty in the armed services outside the State.

LD 1390 An Act to Expand Hunting Options for Disabled Military Veterans CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> BRAGDON	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1390 proposes to allow disabled veterans to receive complimentary antlerless deer permits and one-time complimentary moose hunting permits.

LD 1403 An Act to Allow Military Personnel Home on Leave to Purchase a Hunting or Fishing License for \$10 PUBLIC 249

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> KILKELLY HONEY	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-157 KILKELLY
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LD 1403 proposed to allow military personnel domiciled in Maine to obtain either a hunting or a fishing license for \$10.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-157) proposed to clarify that, in order to qualify for the military rate for hunting and fishing licenses, a member of the Armed Forces must show proof that the member's home of record is Maine.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 249 allows military personnel who show adequate proof of being domiciled in Maine to obtain either a hunting or a fishing license for \$10.

LD 1419

An Act to Establish an Exemption from Horsepower Limitations on Lower Range Pond to Allow an Annual One-day Waterskiing Tournament

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> SNOWE-MELLO	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1419 proposed to waive the horsepower limitations on Lower Range Pond in Poland adopted by the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to allow an annual, one-day, sanctioned waterskiing tournament to be held on that pond. The proposed waiver would have applied to the two days preceding the event and the day of the event.

LD 1435

An Act to Promote Equitable and Professional Management of Moose

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> USHER	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1435 proposes to amend the moose hunting statutes to allow the number of permits to hunt moose to be based on current information available rather than set limits. It also proposes to change the fee amounts for the permits and applications, as well as assigning money from the applications to youth conservation education programs. Finally, it proposes to repeal the sections that establish public auctions for moose hunting permits.

LD 1465

An Act Regarding Qualifications to Enter the Moose Lottery

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> BERRY D	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1465 proposed to eliminate the requirement that residents have a valid big game hunting license to purchase a three-chance or six-chance application for the moose license lottery.

LD 1469

An Act to Increase Hunting Opportunities in the State

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MATTHEWS	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1469 proposed to allow a person who has killed a deer during the special archery season for deer to kill a second deer with a firearm during the regular firearm season for deer. The bill also proposed to repeal the regulation of the taking of antlerless deer and allow hunters to take any deer. The bill proposed to require the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife at the end of the hunting season for the years 1999 and 2000 on the results of having an open deer hunting season as opposed to a restricted hunting season. The bill also proposed to increase the moose hunting permits from 2,000 to 3,000. While this bill was voted ONTP by the committee, the Legislature enacted P. L. 402, (See LD 667) which allows 3000 permits to be

drawn in 1999 and 2000. The Legislature also enacted P. L. 16, (Part I budget bill) which allows holders of expanded archery licenses to take two deer.

LD 1507 An Act to Limit Fishing Regulations for a Portion of the Big Machias River ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KIEFFER WINSOR	ONTP	

LD 1507 proposed to repeal the special fishing regulations currently in effect on a segment of the Big Machias River in Aroostook County leaving those waters subject only to the seasons and limits established in general law. The bill also proposed to prohibit the department from adopting new special regulations for that segment of river for a period of 5 years. While this bill was voted ONTP by the committee, its terms were included in the fisheries and wildlife omnibus bill, P. L. 403. (See LD 2088)

LD 1529 An Act Regarding the Affiliation Definition Test for Rafting Companies ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DUNLAP	ONTP	

LD 1529 proposed to limit the application of the term "affiliated outfitter" under the whitewater rafting laws to commercial whitewater rafting outfitters who operate on the same river. Under current law, the term applies to all commercial whitewater outfitters, regardless of the river upon which they conduct business.

LD 1584 An Act to Limit the Caliber of Ammunition Allowed for Hunting White-tailed Deer and Black Bear ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DUNLAP	ONTP	

LD 1584 proposed to establish minimum standards for ammunition used to hunt white-tailed deer and black bear. The bill proposed to prohibit the use of any bullet that weighs less than 50 grains or that has a full metal casing. The bill proposed that bullets of 50 grains or more that are less than .42 caliber must meet certain weight and power standards and that bullets of .42 caliber or greater are exempt from these prohibitions.

The bill proposed to allow prohibited ammunition to be used to kill wounded prey and further proposed to authorize the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to allow the use of ammunition not rated in the United States if the commissioner determined that that ammunition meets the minimum standards set in this bill.

The bill proposed to create a new violation of hunting with prohibited ammunition and establishes that violation as a Class E crime.

LD 1652 **An Act to Repeal the Atlantic Salmon Authority** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> GOODWIN		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1652 proposed to repeal the Atlantic Salmon Authority and transfer the authority's powers to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

LD 1686 **An Act to Require the Inspection of Commercial Inland Vessels** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> THOMPSON		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1686 proposed to require the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to annually inspect all commercial vessels operating on inland bodies of water and to determine if the vessel is safe and in compliance with environmental laws and regulations.

LD 1756 **An Act to Allow the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Offer an Annual License Instead of a Lifetime License** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> DUNLAP		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1756 proposed to repeal the provisions for a complimentary hunting and fishing license for a resident 70 years of age or older and to provide reduced fees for a resident 65 years of age or older. A resident who holds a complimentary license on the effective date of proposed changes made by this bill would not have been affected.

LD 1820 **An Act to Decriminalize Certain Fish and Wildlife Statutes** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> DUNLAP KILKELLY		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1820 proposes to enhance enforcement of fish and game laws, marine resources laws and motor vehicle laws by making enforcement easier and reducing the number of contested cases. It proposes to redefine several crimes as civil violations to allow efficient processing by the courts. It proposes to give violators the right to contest the matter in court. It proposes to revise the responsibilities of game wardens by allowing them to take cash or credit card payments for bail in any location when an arrest is made. It proposes to allow game wardens making arrests in Cumberland County to take the defendant to any District Court serving Cumberland County, rather than being limited to the closest court.

LD 1830 **An Act to Provide Complimentary Hunting and Fishing Licenses to Persons on Active Military Duty and Low-cost Licenses to Their Families** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> COWGER		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1830 proposes to provide a complimentary hunting and fishing license to a member of the Armed Forces of the United States on active duty whose home of record is Maine and a license to a family member for \$15, plus the issuing fee.

LD 1904 **Resolve, to Study Issues Related to the Muzzle-loading Season** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> BUMPS		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1904 proposes to authorize a study within existing resources of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to address various issues relating to the muzzle-loading season.

LD 1968 **An Act Concerning Recreational and Commercial Trapping** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> SNOWE-MELLO		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1968 proposed to prohibit the trapping of fur-bearing animals, except for mice and rats and except when authorized by the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. It proposed to allow the commissioner to authorize a person to use a padded leg-hold trap to capture a nuisance fur-bearing animal if the person has attempted to utilize methods other than certain body-gripping traps and has failed to capture the animal. In addition, it proposed to allow government employees to use a padded leg-hold trap to protect threatened or endangered species, to protect human health or safety in extraordinary cases when the trap is the only method available or to conduct wildlife research approved by the commissioner or the United States Secretary of the Interior.

The bill also proposed to make a variety of technical changes to the inland fish and wildlife laws to reflect the proposed prohibition on trapping.

LD 2017 **An Act to Allow the Taking of Endangered or Threatened Species Under the Authority of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife** **PUBLIC 316**

Sponsor(s)
KILKELLY
DUNLAP

Committee Report
OTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 2017 proposed to authorize the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to allow the taking of endangered or threatened species under certain circumstances when applicants have developed a plan to avoid or minimize the impact of their activities on species listed as threatened or endangered. The bill proposed to allow the department to approved the project, provided that the population of the listed species is not in serious jeopardy. This bill was submitted on behalf of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 316 authorizes the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to permit the taking of endangered or threatened species under certain circumstances when applicants have developed a plan to avoid or minimize the impact of their activities on species listed as threatened or endangered. The law allows the department to approved the project under these conditions, provided that the population of the listed species is not in serious jeopardy.

LD 2028

An Act Pertaining to the Management of Atlantic Salmon

INDEF PP

Sponsor(s)
DUNLAP
CATHCART

Committee Report
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted
H-672

LD 2028 proposed to reorganize the existing Atlantic Salmon Authority by establishing the responsibility for the management of Atlantic salmon in a commission consisting of three members: the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, the Commissioner of Marine Resources, and an at-large public member appointed by the Governor. The bill proposed that the commission appoint an executive director.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-672) proposed to reorganize the Atlantic Salmon Authority by establishing the responsibility for management of Atlantic salmon in a commission governed by a policy-making board consisting of three members: the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, the Commissioner of Marine Resources and an at-large public member appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. The amendment proposed to expand the commission's duties to include protection, preservation, enhancement, restoration and management of Atlantic salmon as well as to secure a sustainable recreational fishery. The amendment proposed to have the commission administer the State's Atlantic salmon conservation plan.

The amendment proposed to have the advisory panels from river basin complexes representing the historical range of Atlantic salmon in the State to assist the Atlantic Salmon Commission in developing plans and programs.

The amendment proposed to give the commission responsibility for administration of the Atlantic salmon conservation plan. The amendment proposed that the executive director would be responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of the Atlantic Salmon Commission.

LD 2045

Resolve, to Establish the Citizens' Advisory Committee to Secure the Future of Maine's Wildlife and Fish

RESOLVE 86

Sponsor(s)
KILKELLY
DUNLAP

Committee Report
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted
H-639 DUNLAP
S-254
S-450 MICHAUD

LD 2045 proposed to establish the 18-member Citizens' Advisory Committee to Secure the Future of Maine's Wildlife and Fish. The bill proposed to require the committee to report its findings and any recommended legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by January 15, 2001.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-254) proposed to add 2 additional members of the House of Representatives, 2 people representing large and small businesses involved in the forest products industry, a trapper and a fish and wildlife law enforcement officer to the membership of the Citizens' Advisory Committee to Secure the Future of Maine's Wildlife and Fish. The amendment also proposed to add an appropriation section, allocation section and fiscal note to the bill.

House Amendment "A" (H-639) proposed to remove the provision that requires the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House to consult with the Chairs of the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife prior to appointing legislative members of the Citizens' Advisory Committee to Secure the Future of Maine's Wildlife and Fish.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-450) proposed to make technical corrections to the resolve needed to make the resolve consistent with the legislative study guidelines. Specifically, the amendment proposed to change the date of the first meeting, clarify the language concerning chairs, clarify the compensation and staffing provisions and change the reporting date. The amendment also proposed to make this an emergency measure.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 1999, chapter 86 establishes the 24-member Citizens' Advisory Committee to Secure the Future of Maine's Wildlife and Fish. The law requires the committee to report its findings and any recommended legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by December 15, 2000.

LD 2088

An Act to Revise Certain Provisions of the Fish and Wildlife Laws

**PUBLIC 403
EMERGENCY**

Sponsor(s)
KILKELLY
CLARK

Committee Report
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted
H-747 DUNLAP
S-292
S-322 KILKELLY
S-358 KILKELLY
S-368 KILKELLY
S-377 KILKELLY

LD 2088 proposed to make a number of changes to the laws governing inland fish and wildlife.

This bill was submitted on behalf of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-292) proposed to create a wildlife rehabilitation permit, allow snowmobiles registered as antique snowmobiles to be used for occasional personal use, prohibit any special fishing regulations on the Big Machias River until September 1, 2001, prohibit fishing from the fishway of the Sheepscot Lake Dam in Palermo and clarify that it is not unlawful to have a loaded firearm in a motorboat but that it is unlawful to shoot from a motorboat.

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-747) was a proposed technical amendment. Committee Amendment "A" included a proposed retroactivity clause for a section of statute that was reallocated. Subsequently, Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" proposed to repeal that section and proposed to enact a substantively similar provision elsewhere in the statutes, so that the retroactivity clause would refer to the section that was repealed.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-358) proposed to remove the language that makes it illegal to trap bear with more than 2 traps at one time.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-322) proposed to change the allocation of a section of law enacted in Public Law 1997, chapter 739. The only substantive change proposed by this amendment is to change the period for which personal watercraft rental and leasing agent certificates are valid from July 1st to June 30th to January 1st to December 31st.

Senate Amendment "B" (S-368) proposed to remove the provision of the bill that repealed the exemption for nonresidents who hold a valid Maine guide license from the requirement that nonresidents hunting bear with the use of dogs employ and hunt with a resident Maine guide.

Senate Amendment "C" (S-377) proposed to make deallocations because the clerical position for the Support Landowners Program is already funded in the Part I budget, Public Law 1999, chapter 16. The amendment also proposed to allocate funds to reorganize personnel overseeing the whitewater rafting program and to establish a new position in the Wildlife Habitat Group.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 403 makes the following changes to the laws governing inland fish and wildlife.

1. It clarifies that a felon may not obtain or possess license or permit issued by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife that authorizes a person to hunt with a firearm.
2. It requires that a person sign that person's hunting, fishing or trapping license upon issuance.
3. It adds a license for the expanded archery license to the list of complimentary licenses and permits available for persons 70 years of age or older and disabled veterans.
4. It repeals the provision of law that requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to suspend a person's hunting license for at least one year if that person is convicted of abuse of another person's property while hunting.
5. It provides that a moose hunter may hunt moose with a bow and arrow on that hunter's big game license rather than requiring that hunter to purchase the special archery license.
6. It repeals a provision in the laws governing the muzzle-loading hunting season that if a person takes a deer during any open season on deer, that person is precluded from further hunting for deer during that year.
7. It repeals the requirement that anyone who has been issued a permit to hunt, trap, possess, band and transport wild animals and wild birds for scientific purposes must report to the commissioner every year.

8. It prohibits certain persons who are prohibited from possessing or being in control of firearms from obtaining or possessing the specialized hunting guide license.
9. It requires that a guide must report a violation by a client by the quickest means of communication possible.
10. It changes the special hide dealer's license commencement period from October 1st to September 1st.
11. It clarifies that a person licensed or otherwise entitled to fish in waters in this State may take suckers only for that person's own use.
12. It clarifies that a person is guilty of having a loaded firearm in or on a motor vehicle if that person while in or on a motor vehicle has any firearm with a cartridge or shell in the chamber or in an attached magazine, clip or cylinder or a muzzle-loading firearm charged with powder, lead and a primed-ignition device or mechanism. It also clarifies that it is not unlawful to have a loaded firearm in a motorboat but that it is unlawful to shoot from a motorboat.
13. It provides that a person may leave an unregistered deer, bear or moose in the woods for a period of time no longer than 18 hours before notifying a warden.
14. It repeals certain provisions relating to open season for hunting partridge.
15. It repeals the requirement that if a moose is dismembered for ease of transportation all pieces of the moose must be labeled with the name and address of the person who killed the moose.
16. It changes references to the "Visitor's Center at Gray" to the "Maine Wildlife Park".
17. It amends the laws regarding snowmobile rental agents by requiring that the rental agents register a snowmobile that they rent or lease in this State.
18. It amends the laws regarding personal watercraft rental agents by requiring that the rental agents register a personal watercraft that they rent or lease in this State and also changes the period for which personal watercraft rental and leasing agent certificates are valid from July 1st to June 30th to January 1st to December 31st to be consistent with boat registrations.
19. It creates a wildlife rehabilitation permit,
20. It allows snowmobiles registered as antique snowmobiles to be used for occasional personal use,
21. It prohibits any special fishing regulations on the Big Machias River until September 1, 2001,
22. It prohibits fishing from the fishway of the Sheepscot Lake Dam in Palermo
23. It allocates funds to reorganize personnel overseeing the whitewater rafting program and to establish a new position in the Wildlife Habitat Group.

Chapter 403 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 4, 1999.

LD 2095

An Act to Stagger Registration for Watercraft, All-terrain Vehicles and Snowmobiles

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
POVICH RUHLIN	ONTP	

LD 2095 proposed to change the registration year for snowmobiles, watercraft and all-terrain vehicles.

LD 2206 An Act to Implement an Atlantic Salmon Conservation Plan INDEF PP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DUGAY	OTP-AM	H-606

LD 2206 proposed to require the State Planning Office to develop funding for and fully implement an Atlantic salmon conservation plan; develop model watershed plans; and complete habitat enhancement, fish passage and pollution prevention projects. This bill also proposed to require the State Planning Office to report to the Legislature on the progress of implementing an Atlantic salmon conservation plan and any other recommendations concerning watershed management by January 31, 2001.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-606) proposed to require the Land and Water Resources Council to support Washington County and Hancock County river watershed councils in their efforts to implement recommendations in the Atlantic salmon conservation plan. Through a nonprofit organization supportive of Atlantic salmon interests, it proposed to assist in the planning and implementation of local actions. The amendment proposed to require that the Land and Water Resources Council receive reports on their progress every six months and summarize this information in the council's annual report to the Governor and the Legislature. The amendment also proposed to appropriate \$200,000 over the biennium to support the watershed councils.

LD 2235 An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Regarding Surface Use on Great Ponds PUBLIC 400 EMERGENCY

<u>Reported by</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DUNLAP	OTP	

LD 2235 proposed to implement the recommendations of the towns of Woodstock, Greenwood, Northfield and Bar Harbor to restrict the use of personal watercraft on certain ponds within those towns. This bill was reported out of committee pursuant to Joint Order H. P. 1585.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 400 prohibits the use of personal watercraft on certain ponds in the Towns of Woodstock, Greenwood, Northfield and Bar Harbor.

Chapter 400 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 3, 1999.