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**LD 26 An Act To Authorize the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife PUBLIC 3
To Change a Fishing Season Opening Date Statewide**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SHAW PATRICK	OTP	

This bill authorizes the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to change a fishing season opening date in inland waters of the State if weather conditions make that change necessary.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 3 authorizes the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to change a fishing season opening date in inland waters of the State if weather conditions make that change necessary.

**LD 41 An Act To Allow a Person 65 Years of Age or Older To Fish with Bait in ONTP
any Inland Water**

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

This bill allows a person 65 years of age or older to use live bait, dead bait or chemically preserved natural or organic bait in inland waters restricted to artificial lures and to troll a fly in inland waters restricted to fly-fishing only.

**LD 42 Resolve, To Require the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To RESOLVE 18
Conduct a Study on the Use of Rubber Lures and Nondegradable
Fishing Hooks and Lures**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAVIS	OTP-AM ONTP	H-47

This bill prohibits the use of artificial lures made of rubber when angling or fishing.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-47)

This amendment requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to study issues related to the effects of ingestion of artificial fishing lures made of rubber and soft plastic and nondegradable hooks for fishing on fish and wildlife species and inland waters in the State. The department shall report the results of its study, including recommended legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by January 15, 2014.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2013, chapter 18 requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to study issues related to the effects of ingestion of artificial fishing lures made of rubber and soft plastic and nondegradable hooks for fishing on fish and wildlife species and inland waters in the State. The department shall report the results of its study, including recommended legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by January 15, 2014.

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LD 43 An Act To Ban the Use of Nondegradable Hooks for Fishing ONTP

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

This bill requires that a hook used for fishing must be made of a material that degrades or decomposes. See enacted law summary for LD 42.

**LD 63 Resolve, To Direct the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife RESOLVE 16
To Allow Veterans with Lower Limb Loss To Obtain "Any-deer"
Hunting Permits**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DUNPHY	OTP-AM	H-37

This resolve directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to amend the hunting and trapping rules to issue an "any-deer" hunting permit to a veteran who has lost all or part of one or more lower limbs for the wildlife management districts that have "any-deer" hunting permit allocations.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-37)

This amendment directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to amend the hunting and trapping rules to issue an "any-deer" hunting permit for the wildlife management districts that have "any-deer" hunting permit allocations to a veteran who has lost all or part of one or more lower limbs and holds a valid resident disabled hunting license. It specifies that veterans eligible for the "any-deer" hunting permit allocations created through this resolve must hold a valid resident disabled veteran's hunting license.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2013, chapter 16 directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to amend the hunting and trapping rules to issue an "any-deer" hunting permit for the wildlife management districts that have "any-deer" hunting permit allocations to a veteran who has lost all or part of one or more lower limbs and holds a valid resident disabled hunting license. This resolve specifies that veterans eligible for the "any-deer" hunting permit allocations created through this resolve must hold a valid resident disabled veteran's hunting license.

**LD 79 An Act To Allow a Junior Hunter To Shoot Any Deer on Opening Day ONTP
of Hunting Season**

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

This bill allows a person who holds a junior hunting license to hunt a deer of any sex with a firearm or bow and arrow on the first day of the regular deer hunting season, in accordance with supervision guidelines and bag limit guidelines. See enacted law summary for LD 101.

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LD 84 An Act To Expand Turkey Hunting

ONTP

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

This bill expands turkey hunting opportunities by:

1. Eliminating the turkey permit requirements and allowing the hunting of turkey with a big game or small game hunting license;
2. Providing for electronic or telephonic registration of turkeys; and
3. Requiring the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to establish spring and fall hunting seasons in which hunting is allowed during all daylight hours. The fall season must include the month of October, and in both seasons a person may take up to 2 turkeys; in the spring season both must be male.

See also enacted law summary for LD 200.

**LD 86 Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To
Amend Its Process of Gathering Public Opinion on Rulemaking and
Other Projects**

ONTP

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

This resolve requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to improve its use of electronic communication methods in notifying the public of proposed rulemaking, public hearings and other proposals.

On behalf of the committee, the chairs sent a letter asking the department to report back actions undertaken to improve the use of electronic communication methods to inform the public of proposed rulemaking procedures.

LD 89 An Act To Establish a Deadline for Snowmobile Registration

CARRIED OVER

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

This bill requires that the fee for a resident snowmobile registration and for a nonresident seasonal snowmobile registration be paid on or before December 31st of the year prior to the year that the registration will be in effect and establishes a \$20 late fee.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 126th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1145, as amended by H-B (H-580) and H-C (H-582).

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LD 96 An Act To Enhance the Deer Population by Increasing Control of Coyotes through Local Conservation Organizations ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAUCIER JACKSON T	ONTP	

This bill does the following.

1. It authorizes the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to adopt rules to establish a coyote bounty system;
2. It provides that coyote bounties be paid from federal funding received from the federal Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act; and
3. It sets a coyote trapping season from October 15th to February 15th.

See also bill summaries for LDs 199, 798, 970 and 1148.

LD 97 An Act To Improve the Integrity of the State's Snowmobile Trail System ONTP

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

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill proposes to develop funding levels that will support the viability of the State's snowmobile trail system to maximize its benefit to the winter economy of the State.

See enacted law summary for LD 1263.

LD 98 Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Study Issues Related to Bear Hunting and Management ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WOOD JACKSON T	ONTP	

This resolve requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to study issues related to bear hunting and the management of the bear population in the State and report the results of its study to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by January 15, 2014. The committee is authorized to report out a bill to implement its recommendations related to the report. See bill summary for LD 910 and enacted law summary for LD 1225.

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LD 99 An Act To Allow Hunting for Deer with a Crossbow during the Expanded Archery Season

**ACCEPTED
MAJORITY
(ONTP) REPORT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WOOD TUTTLE	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill allows a person to hunt with a crossbow during an expanded archery deer hunting season that is established by rule by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-67)

This amendment, which is the minority report, incorporates a fiscal note.

LD 100 An Act To Allow Municipalities To Stock Ponds

**ACCEPTED
MINORITY
(ONTP) REPORT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WOOD MASON G	OTP-AM ONTP	

This bill authorizes a municipality to stock a pond with fish when the pond is located entirely within the municipality's boundaries, the municipality purchases the fish to be stocked from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the municipality provides the public with boat access to the pond being stocked by the municipality. It also requires the municipality to pay any costs incurred by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife associated with the municipality's stocking activity.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-214)

This amendment, which is the majority report, replaces the bill. It authorizes the Town of Greene to stock Allen Pond with fish as long as the municipality purchases the fish to be stocked from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife approves the fish being stocked and the municipality provides the public with watercraft access to Allen Pond that is easily identifiable and accessible. It also requires the town to pay any costs incurred by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife associated with the stocking of Allen Pond.

LD 101 An Act To Allow a Junior Hunter To Take One Antlerless Deer without an Antlerless Deer Permit

PUBLIC 213

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GILBERT HASKELL	OTP-AM ONTP	H-263

This bill allows the holder of a valid junior hunting license to take one antlerless deer without an antlerless deer permit. In subsequent years, that person must obtain an antlerless deer permit to take an antlerless deer.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-263)

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This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, provides priority consideration for antlerless deer permits to persons with a valid junior hunting license. Under current law, eligible landowners receive 25% of the permits and nonresident hunters receive 15% of the permits. Under this amendment, junior hunters receive at least 25% of the antlerless deer permits available in wildlife management districts with available antlerless deer permits.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 213 provides priority consideration for antlerless deer permits to persons with a valid junior hunting license. Prior law provided that eligible landowners receive 25% of the permits and nonresident hunters receive 15% of the permits. Under Public Law 2013, chapter 213, junior hunters receive at least 25% of the antlerless deer permits available in wildlife management districts with available antlerless deer permits.

LD 128 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council

PUBLIC 375

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HASKELL	OTP-AM OTP-AM	S-257

This bill abolishes the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-256)

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. The bill abolishes the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council. This amendment instead amends the laws governing the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council in order to realign the advisory council's formal duties to convening stakeholder groups and providing information and advice to the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to enhance fisheries and wildlife resource management in the State. With these revised duties, the advisory council no longer renders to the commissioner information and advice concerning the administration of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. The amendment retains the bill's provision removing the advisory council's authority upon appeal to restore hunting license privileges to petitioners whose privileges have been revoked or suspended and the restoration of which the commissioner has disallowed. Further, where rulemaking is concerned, the advisory council no longer provides advice and consent to the commissioner, which is a change made in the bill and retained by the amendment, but the amendment adds that as part of its revised duties the advisory committee makes recommendations based on public and stakeholder input to the commissioner regarding rules. The amendment allows the commissioner's designee to be a member of the advisory council. Finally, this amendment requires that the advisory council provide and present annually a written summary of its activities and accomplishments to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters.

Committee Amendment "B" (S-257)

This amendment is the minority report of the committee. The bill abolishes the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council. This amendment instead amends the laws governing the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council in order to realign the advisory council's formal duties to convening stakeholder groups and providing information and advice to the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to enhance fisheries and wildlife resource management in the State. With these revised duties, the advisory council no longer renders to the commissioner information and advice concerning the administration of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. The amendment retains the bill's provision removing the advisory council's authority upon appeal to restore hunting license privileges to petitioners whose privileges have been revoked or suspended and the restoration of which the commissioner has disallowed. However, where rulemaking is concerned, this amendment preserves the advisory council's role of providing advice and consent to the commissioner. The amendment allows the commissioner's designee to be a member of the advisory council. Finally, this amendment requires that the advisory council provide and present annually a written summary of its activities and accomplishments to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters.

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Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 375 amends the laws governing the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council in order to realign the advisory council's formal duties with its role of convening stakeholder groups and providing information and advice to the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to enhance fisheries and wildlife resource management in the State. With these revised duties, under Public Law 2013, chapter 375 the advisory council no longer renders to the commissioner information and advice concerning the administration of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. Public Law 2013, chapter 375 removes the advisory council's authority upon appeal to restore hunting license privileges to petitioners whose privileges have been revoked or suspended and the restoration of which the commissioner has disallowed. Further, where rulemaking is concerned, the advisory council no longer provides advice and consent to the commissioner, but under Public Law 2013, chapter 375 as part of its revised duties the advisory committee makes recommendations based on public and stakeholder input to the commissioner regarding rules. Public Law 2013, chapter 375 allows the commissioner's designee to be a member of the advisory council. Finally, Public Law 2013, chapter 375 requires that the advisory council provide and present annually a written summary of its activities and accomplishments to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters.

**LD 142 An Act To Add Using an All-terrain Vehicle to the List of Activities
Included in the Definition of "Guide" in the Inland Fisheries and
Wildlife Laws PUBLIC 88**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BLACK THOMAS	OTP	

This bill amends the inland fisheries and wildlife laws to add using an all-terrain vehicle to the list of activities a guide accompanies or assists a person with for remuneration.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 88 amends the inland fisheries and wildlife laws to add using an all-terrain vehicle to the list of activities a guide accompanies or assists a person with for remuneration.

**LD 143 An Act To Allow a Hunter To Harvest a Wild Turkey of Either Sex
during the Month of October without an Extra Charge for the Permit ONTP**

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

This bill requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to establish a wild turkey hunting season for the month of October to allow the harvest of wild turkeys of either sex. This season would be open to any licensed hunter and would not require any extra permit charge. The bill provides that the hunter must have any harvested turkey tagged. See enacted law summary for LD 200.

**LD 144 An Act To Remove the Requirement That a Person Training Dogs on
Sundays Possess a Valid Hunting License PUBLIC 247
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KESCHL SAVIELLO	OTP-AM	H-357

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This bill removes the requirement that a person who trains dogs on wild birds or wild animals on Sundays possess a valid hunting license.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-357)

This amendment adds a provision to the bill that makes a person ineligible to train dogs on wild birds and wild animals if that person has a suspended or revoked license issued by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 247 removes the requirement that a person who trains dogs on wild birds or wild animals on Sundays possess a valid hunting license and makes a person ineligible to train dogs on wild birds and wild animals if that person has a suspended or revoked license issued by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

Public Law 2013, chapter 247 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 13, 2013.

LD 153	An Act To Establish a Comprehensive Hunting and Fishing License	CARRIED OVER
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<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KESCHL SAVIELLO		

This bill eliminates the super pack license and replaces it with a comprehensive license that includes all hunting and fishing licenses and permits and entries into the moose and antlerless deer lotteries. The comprehensive license differs from the super pack license in that:

1. The holder is not allowed to take more deer than is permitted for other hunting license holders;
2. The license does not include an antlerless deer permit for use in wildlife management districts in which 3,500 such permits are issued;
3. The resident fee for the license is \$35 instead of \$200;
4. The license is available to nonresidents and aliens for a fee of \$125; and
5. There is no license fee category for a person who holds 2 or more lifetime licenses.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 126th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1145, as amended by H-B (H-580) and H-C (H-582).

See also enacted law summary for LD 229.

LD 163	An Act To Increase the Number of Rafting Passengers Allowed for Licensed Outfitters on Unallocated Rivers	ONTP
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<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAVIELLO	ONTP	

This bill increases the number of rafting passengers allowed on unallocated rapidly flowing rivers for licensed outfitters from 92 passengers per day to 120 passengers per day.

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See enacted law summary for LD 281.

LD 170 Resolve, To Allow the Use of Live Bait When Ice Fishing in Certain Waters of the State

DIED BETWEEN HOUSES

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON T THERIAULT	ONTP OTP	

This resolve directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to reverse recent rulemaking that is effective April 1, 2013. Those proposals prohibit the use of live bait for ice fishing in specific lakes. The resolve also requires the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to review the issue of live bait and authorizes the committee to submit legislation.

This resolve died between houses but see enacted law summary for LD 1191. Public Law 2013, chapter 358 allows the use of live bait on Millimagassett Lake, Millinocket Lake, Little Millinocket Lake and Webster Lake. It also directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to adopt rules for the use of live bait on waters that contain state heritage fish and have not been stocked since January 1, 1988.

LD 172 An Act To Make Permanent the Reciprocal Agreement between Maine and Other States Regarding a Snowmobile Weekend

PUBLIC 386

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAVIELLO	OTP-AM	S-61

This bill makes permanent the reciprocal agreement between Maine and other states regarding a snowmobile weekend, which by current law is repealed on October 1, 2013.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-61)

The amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 386 makes permanent the reciprocal agreement between Maine and other states regarding a snowmobile weekend, which by current law is repealed on October 1, 2013.

LD 173 An Act To Remove the Rangeley Plantation Sanctuary from the List of Wildlife Sanctuaries

PUBLIC 138

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

This bill removes Rangeley Plantation Sanctuary from the list of territories designated as wildlife sanctuaries subject to the authority of the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 138 removes Rangeley Plantation Sanctuary from the list of territories designated as wildlife sanctuaries subject to the authority of the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

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LD 177 An Act To Expand Moose Hunting Opportunities

PUBLIC 226

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAVIELLO	OTP-AM	S-167

This bill:

1. Increases the number of moose hunting permits issued by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife based on the latest moose population estimate. It provides that the increase is phased in over three years;
2. Changes the system for issuing moose permits from the current chance lottery system to a drawing in which persons who apply over a number of consecutive years may be guaranteed to receive a permit. It sets aside 15% of the permits for nonresidents and aliens. Ten percent of the permits must be auctioned to licensed guides and persons associated with sporting camps. The remainder of the permits are available to Maine residents; and
3. Provides that 25% of the revenues from the moose hunting application and permit system is deposited in the Moose Research and Management Fund and modifies the purposes of the fund to include addressing moose health issues and overbrowsing of land and promoting and marketing moose hunting.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-167)

This amendment replaces the bill with a provision requiring the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to alter the moose permit drawing system so that a resident 70 years of age or older who has at least 30 points is guaranteed a permit. The amendment also creates an option for a person to refuse a moose hunting permit but still retain that person's points if the person has been awarded a permit in a wildlife management district that the commissioner has designated as a road safety management area.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 226 requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to alter the moose permit drawing system so that a resident 70 years of age or older who has at least 30 points is guaranteed a permit. This law also creates an option for a person to refuse a moose hunting permit but still retain that person's points if the person has been awarded a permit in a wildlife management district that the commissioner has designated as a road safety management area.

LD 199 An Act To Allow Agents Designated by the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Hunt Coyotes at Night during the Deer Hunting Season

ONTP

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

This bill allows the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to appoint and authorize agents to hunt coyotes at night during any open season on deer. The commissioner is required to develop policies to make the affected public and affected law enforcement officers aware of any night hunting operations, including policies that ensure each agent notifies affected landowners of the agent's night hunting activities.

See bill summaries for LDs 96, 798, 970 and 1148.

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LD 200 An Act To Expand Wild Turkey Hunting Opportunities

PUBLIC 387

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MARKS	OTP-AM	H-542 H-547 SHAW

This bill requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to establish a 6-day spring youth hunting season for wild turkey. The season must run from Monday to Saturday in April and coincide with a time when public schools are not in session.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-542)

This amendment does the following.

1. It requires the establishment of a spring youth hunting day for wild turkey during which hunting is allowed beginning 30 minutes before sunrise and ending 30 minutes after sunset. The season must take place on the Saturday prior to the start of the spring wild turkey hunting season.
2. It reduces the tagging fee from \$5 to \$2 per wild turkey and directs registration agents to retain the \$2 tagging fees they collect.
3. It directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to establish a spring wild turkey hunting season during which a person may take up to two male wild turkeys and a fall wild turkey hunting season during which a person to take up to two wild turkeys of either sex. During the spring open season a person may take wild turkeys with a crossbow, bow and arrow or shotgun.
4. It provides that the hours for the spring wild turkey hunting season are from 30 minutes before sunrise until 30 minutes after sunset. This provision is repealed at the end of the spring 2016 season.

House Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (H-547)

This amendment changes the title of the bill. It delays the changes to the fall wild turkey hunt and to the fee for a wild turkey hunting permit until 2014. It allows a person to take two wild turkeys regardless of sex during the spring open season rather than two male turkeys as provided in Committee Amendment "A." It also changes a reference to the youth wild turkey hunting season to reflect the fact that it is limited to one day.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law, chapter 387 does the following.

1. It expands the spring youth hunting day for wild turkey to allow hunting beginning 30 minutes before sunrise and ending 30 minutes after sunset. It also requires that the season take place on the Saturday prior to the start of the spring wild turkey hunting season.
2. It reduces the tagging fee from \$5 to \$2 per wild turkey and directs registration agents to retain the \$2 tagging fees they collect.
3. It directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to establish a spring wild turkey hunting season during which a person may take up to two male wild turkeys and a fall wild turkey hunting season during which a person to take up to two wild turkeys of either sex beginning in 2014. During the spring open season a person may take wild turkeys with a crossbow, bow and arrow or shotgun.

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4. It provides that the hours for the spring wild turkey hunting season are from 30 minutes before sunrise until 30 minutes after sunset. This provision is repealed at the end of the spring 2016 season.

See also LD 1015.

LD 201 An Act To Permit Tribal Members To Hunt Any Animal or Bird at Any Time for Sustenance INDEF PP

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

This bill provides that, notwithstanding other laws governing inland fisheries and wildlife, an enrolled member of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Penobscot Nation, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians or the Aroostook Band of Micmacs may hunt for, take and possess any wild animal or bird at any time for sustenance use. "Sustenance use" includes all noncommercial consumption or noncommercial use by the enrolled member or the enrolled member's immediate family or within the enrolled member's household.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-202)

This amendment, which is the minority report, replaces the bill. The amendment applies the provisions of the bill only to enrolled members of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians and limits the exercise of rights in the bill to public land in Aroostook County. The amendment also requires that the hunting activity be conducted with best efforts to comply with all fish and wildlife laws and rules, and it does not apply to a species identified as endangered under state or federal law. This amendment was not adopted.

LD 202 An Act To Permit Tribal Members To Fish at Any Time for Sustenance INDEF PP

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

This bill provides that, notwithstanding other laws governing inland fisheries and wildlife, an enrolled member of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Penobscot Nation, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians or the Aroostook Band of Micmacs may fish for, take and possess any fish at any time for sustenance use. "Sustenance use" includes all noncommercial consumption or noncommercial use by the enrolled member or the enrolled member's immediate family or within the enrolled member's household.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-209)

This amendment, which is the minority report, replaces the bill. The amendment applies the provisions of the bill only to enrolled members of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians and limits the exercise of rights in the bill to public land in Aroostook County. The amendment also requires that the hunting activity be conducted with best efforts to comply with all fish and wildlife laws and rules, and it does not apply to a species identified as endangered under state or federal law. This amendment was not adopted.

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LD 203 An Act To Require Kayakers on Open Salt Water To Use a Personal Flotation Device

**ACCEPTED
MAJORITY
(ONTP) REPORT**

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

This bill requires a person to wear a Coast Guard approved Type III personal flotation device while kayaking on open salt water on the internal waters of the State.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-162)

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, provides that the requirement in the bill that a kayaker wear a Coast Guard approved Type III personal flotation device applies on the State's coastal waters instead of on the State's internal waters as proposed in the bill.

LD 229 An Act To Simplify and Encourage the Sale of Hunting and Fishing Licenses and Permits

**PUBLIC 322
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SHAW DUTREMBLE	OTP-AM	H-523

This bill:

1. Extends the lifetime license system for hunting and fishing licenses to all individuals regardless of age;
2. Allows antlerless deer permits to be transferred to any other hunter, regardless of age;
3. Requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to convene a task force composed of persons representing individuals and organizations that purchase licenses, permits and registrations issued by the department for the purpose of creating a plan to reduce the number of types of licenses, permits and registrations administered by the department. The department must submit the plan to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by December 1, 2013, together with draft legislation necessary to implement the recommendations. The committee is authorized to report out a bill related to the subject matter of the report to the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature;
4. Requires the department to develop a plan for updating its online system for persons to purchase licenses and registrations, known as the Maine Online Sportsman's Electronic System. The department must submit its plan, together with a proposed budget for implementing the plan, to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by April 1, 2013. The committee may report out a bill related to the subject matter of the report to the First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature; and
5. Requires the department to develop a plan to simplify and streamline the eligibility requirements for and issuance of complimentary licenses, the laws governing license revocations and the laws governing hunting, including age restrictions, equipment restrictions and supervision requirements. The plan must extend the supervisory requirements for apprentice hunters to junior hunters and make supervisory requirements for hunting consistent with those that apply to trapping. The department is required to submit the plan to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by December 1, 2013, together with draft legislation necessary to

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implement the recommendations. The committee may report out a bill related to the subject matter of the report to the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-523)

This amendment:

1. Removes the sections of the bill that extend the lifetime license system and establish a task force to reduce the number of licenses and permits;
2. Modifies the provisions of the bill allowing any person, regardless of age, to transfer an antlerless deer permit to another person to clarify that a resident may transfer a permit only to another resident and a nonresident may transfer a permit only to another nonresident;
3. Modifies the provisions of the bill that require the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to develop a plan for updating its online system for persons to purchase licenses and registrations to require that the plan be based on a user survey, to require that it focus on the user interface and provide options for online renewal of trapping and guide licenses and to extend the date for completion of the plan to December 1, 2013;
4. Adds a provision directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to commission an actuarial review of expanding the lifetime license system for hunting and fishing licenses issued by the department. The department must submit a report with the findings, along with an explanation of the study methodology and any proposed modifications to the lifetime license system, to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife during the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature. The committee may report out a bill related to the subject matter of the report to the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature; and
5. Adds an appropriations and allocations section.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2103, chapter 322:

1. Allows any resident, regardless of age, to transfer an antlerless deer permit only to another resident and any nonresident, regardless of age, to transfer an antlerless deer permit only to another nonresident;
2. Requires that the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife develop by December 1, 2013, a plan for updating its online system for persons to purchase licenses and registrations. It requires that the plan be based on a user survey, that it focus on the user interface and provide options for online renewal of trapping and guide licenses;
3. Directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to commission an actuarial study to expand the lifetime license system for hunting and fishing licenses issued by the department. The department must submit a report with the findings, along with an explanation of the study methodology and any proposed modifications to the lifetime license system, to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife during the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature. The committee may report out a bill related to the subject matter of the report to the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature; and
4. Adds an appropriations and allocations section for the actuarial study for expanding lifetime licenses.

Public Law 2103, chapter 322 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 21, 2013.

See also LD 153.

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LD 254 Resolve, To Establish the Northern Maine Advisory Task Force on Deer ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON T AYOTTE	ONTP	

This resolve is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This resolve proposes to establish the Northern Maine Advisory Task Force on Deer. The task force would be charged with examining deer predation and ways to improve the deer population in northern Maine and with reporting its findings to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, which may report out a bill on the subject matter of the task force's report to the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.

LD 264 An Act To Allow Crossbow Hunting during Muzzle-loading Season DIED BETWEEN HOUSES

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAVIELLO CROCKETT	ONTP OTP	

This bill allows a licensed crossbow hunter to hunt deer during the muzzle-loading deer hunting season.

LD 268 An Act To Improve Snowmobiling in the State ONTP

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

This bill raises the annual registration fee for a snowmobile for a resident and nonresident by \$20 and the 3-consecutive-day nonresident registration fee by \$7 and dedicates \$27 from each registration to the Snowmobile Trail Fund, under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 1893. The bill also establishes a nonresident 7-consecutive-day registration for \$75.

See bill summary for LD 89 and enacted law summary for LD 1263.

LD 280 Resolve, Concerning Rights-of-way over Eastern Road in Scarborough RESOLVE 11

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HASKELL DAVIS	OTP	

This resolve ratifies certain conveyances made by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife that granted access to Eastern Road in the Town of Scarborough. These nonexclusive easements were determined by the department or the United States Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service not to significantly or unreasonably interfere with any use for which the Eastern Road was acquired.

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Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2013, chapter 11 ratifies certain conveyances made by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife that granted access to Eastern Road in the Town of Scarborough. These nonexclusive easements were determined by the department or the United States Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service not to significantly or unreasonably interfere with any use for which the Eastern Road was acquired.

LD 281 An Act To Reform Maine's Whitewater Rafting Laws

PUBLIC 245

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DUTREMBLE SHAW	OTP-AM	S-230

This bill clarifies that allocations may be transferred to any licensed outfitter, not only companies with allocations.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-230)

This amendment changes the bill's title and strikes and replaces the bill but retains the bill's change clarifying that allocations may be transferred to any licensed outfitter. It provides that a commercial whitewater outfitter is allowed to carry up to 120 passengers on unallocated days. It also repeals all language related to affiliated outfitters and limits to three the number of licenses that an outfitter may possess on allocated rivers.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 245 allows allocations to be transferred to any licensed outfitter, not only companies with allocations. It provides that a commercial whitewater outfitter is allowed to carry up to 120 passengers on unallocated days. It also repeals all language related to affiliated outfitters and limits to three the number of licenses that an outfitter may possess on allocated rivers.

LD 306 An Act To Exempt Members of the Penobscot Nation, the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians and the Aroostook Band of Micmacs from Special Training Requirements for Archery and Trapping

**PUBLIC 185
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MITCHELL CAIN	OTP	

This bill exempts an enrolled member of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Penobscot Nation, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians or the Aroostook Band of Micmacs from the archery, crossbow and trapping education requirements for obtaining an archery hunting license, a crossbow hunting license or a trapping license.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 185 exempts an enrolled member of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Penobscot Nation, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians or the Aroostook Band of Micmacs from the archery, crossbow and trapping education requirements for obtaining an archery hunting license, a crossbow hunting license or a trapping license.

Public Law 2013, chapter 185 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 31, 2013.

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LD 307 An Act To Exempt Persons Who Serve in the Armed Forces from the Requirement To Take a Hunter Safety Course To Obtain a Hunting License

PUBLIC 139

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAVIS THIBODEAU	OTP-AM ONTP	H-136

This bill exempts persons who have received training in the armed forces, including both persons on active duty and veterans, from having to take a hunter safety course to obtain a hunting license.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-136)

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee and replaces the bill, exempts active-duty members of the United States Armed Forces who are stationed outside of the United States and home on leave from having to take a hunter safety course to obtain a hunting license.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 139 exempts active-duty members of the United States Armed Forces who are stationed outside of the United States and home on leave from having to take a hunter safety course to obtain a hunting license.

LD 334 An Act To Allow Nonprofit Organizations To Operate Snowmobiles as Trail-grooming Equipment

PUBLIC 190

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LONG PLUMMER	OTP	

This bill amends the definition of "trail-grooming equipment" in the laws governing snowmobile trails and allows a snowmobile that is owned by a nonprofit organization and used to groom snowmobile trails to be registered as trail-grooming equipment.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 190 amends the definition of "trail-grooming equipment" in the laws governing snowmobile trails and allows a snowmobile that is owned by a nonprofit organization and used to groom snowmobile trails to be registered as trail-grooming equipment.

LD 356 An Act To Allow a Person Who Is 60 Years of Age or Older To Use a Crossbow during the Open Seasons on Wild Birds and Animals

**ACCEPTED
MAJORITY
(ONTP) REPORT**

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

Current law allows a person 70 years of age or older to hunt a wild bird or wild animal with a crossbow during any open season; the provision is repealed January 1, 2015.

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This bill extends the provision to a person 60 years of age or older and removes the repeal.

LD 391 An Act To Allow a Person To Possess Small Game in Excess of That Person's Possession Limit ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WOOD JACKSON T	ONTP	

This bill allows a person to possess in that person's home a small game animal in excess of the possession limit if the small game animal is marked with the name and address of the person who legally possesses that animal and the date it was taken by that person.

LD 423 An Act Regarding the Driving of Deer ACCEPTED MAJORITY (ONTP) REPORT

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

This bill allows a group of six or fewer persons to hunt together in a hunt for deer as long as they are accompanied by a registered Maine guide and as long as they do not use noisemaking devices.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-108)

This amendment, which is the minority report, allows a group of four or fewer persons to hunt for and drive deer together as long as they do not use noisemaking devices. This amendment also specifically prohibits groups of five or more persons from hunting together or driving deer.

LD 467 An Act To Increase Agent Fees for Registration of Certain Recreational Vehicles ACCEPTED MAJORITY (ONTP) REPORT

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

This bill increases the watercraft, snowmobile and ATV registration service fees that may be assessed, collected and retained by agents. The service fee for the renewal of a registration is increased from \$1 up to a maximum of \$3 and from \$2 up to a maximum of \$4 for the issuance of a new registration. Agents are also allowed to charge an extra \$1 for registrations or renewals issued for residents of other communities or unorganized territories.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-213)

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, increases the watercraft, snowmobile and ATV registration service fees that may be assessed, collected and retained by agents by \$1 less than the bill increases the fees. The service fee for the renewal of a registration is increased from \$1 to a maximum of \$2 and for the issuance of a new registration is increased from \$2 to a maximum of \$3. The amendment provides that agents are also allowed to charge an extra \$2 for registrations or renewals issued for residents of other communities or unorganized

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territories. The bill allows for an extra \$1 charge.

**LD 477 Resolve, To Open Wild Turkey Hunting in Wildlife Management
District 27 for the 2013 Spring Turkey Hunting Season**

**RESOLVE 10
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HICKMAN	OTP-AM	H-96

This bill establishes an open season for hunting wild turkeys for the month of October, during which there is no bag limit.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-96)

This amendment strikes the bill and instead replaces it with a resolve establishing a spring turkey hunting season in Wildlife Management District 27 beginning April 29, 2013 and ending June 3, 2013.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2013, chapter 10 establishes a spring turkey hunting season in Wildlife Management District 27 beginning April 29, 2013 and ending June 3, 2013.

Resolve 2013, chapter 10 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective April 25, 2013.

**LD 514 An Act To Allow Boards and Associations of Lakes and Ponds To Stock
Fish**

**ACCEPTED
MAJORITY
(ONTP) REPORT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MASON G CRAFTS	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill authorizes a lake association to stock a pond subject to the association's activities with fish when the association purchases the fish to be stocked from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the association provides the public with boat access to the pond being stocked by the association. It also requires the association to pay any costs incurred by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife associated with the association's stocking activity.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-210)

This amendment adds a stipulation that a lake association's authority to stock with fish a pond subject to the association's activities also requires the association to receive prior approval of the fish being stocked from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. This amendment removes the requirement that the association provide the public with year-round boat access to the pond being stocked by the association.

**LD 540 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Discharge of a Firearm or
Crossbow near a Dwelling or Building**

PUBLIC 215

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SHAW SAVIELLO	OTP-AM	H-264

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This bill defines "projectile" to clarify what may be discharged within 100 yards of a building or residence when hunting.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-264)

This amendment adds bow and arrow to the list of hunting implements that may not be discharged within 100 yards of a building or residential dwelling without the permission of the owner. The amendment also clarifies that the bill's prohibition on causing a projectile to pass within 100 yards of a building or residence is limited to projectiles discharged from a firearm, crossbow or bow and arrow.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 215 defines "projectile" to clarify what may be discharged within 100 yards of a building or residence when hunting and adds bow and arrow to the list of hunting implements that may not be discharged within 100 yards of a building or residential dwelling without the permission of the owner. It also clarifies that the bill's prohibition on causing a projectile to pass within 100 yards of a building or residence is limited to projectiles discharged from a firearm, crossbow or bow and arrow.

LD 541 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Complimentary Hunting, Trapping and Fishing Licenses for Disabled Veterans

PUBLIC 404

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WILSON PLUMMER	OTP-AM	H-74

This bill changes the threshold of disability at which a resident disabled veteran receives complimentary hunting, fishing and trapping licenses from 100%, or 70% if the veteran served in a combat zone during an armed conflict, to 50% or more for all resident disabled veterans.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-74)

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 404 changes the threshold of disability at which a resident disabled veteran receives complimentary hunting, fishing and trapping licenses from 100%, or 70% if the veteran served in a combat zone during an armed conflict, to 50% or more for all resident disabled veterans.

LD 542 An Act To Remove the Limit on the Retention of Live Smelts

PUBLIC 73
EMERGENCY

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KESCHL SAVIELLO	OTP ONTP	

This bill removes the limit of 5 dozen live smelts from a person's daily bag limit for smelt fishing.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 73 removes the limit of 5 dozen live smelts from a person's daily bag limit for smelt fishing.

Public Law 2013, chapter 73 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 7, 2013.

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**LD 543 An Act To Create Reciprocity of All-terrain Vehicle Registration with
the State of New Hampshire**

**LEAVE TO
WITHDRAW**

Sponsor(s)

BRIGGS
PATRICK

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

This bill allows an ATV registered in New Hampshire to be operated in Maine without being registered in Maine as long as New Hampshire provides reciprocity for ATVs registered in Maine.

**LD 544 An Act To Give Certain Landowners First Priority for Antlerless Deer
Permits**

**ACCEPTED
MAJORITY
(ONTP) REPORT**

Sponsor(s)

BRIGGS
JACKSON T

Committee Report

ONTP
OTP

Amendments Adopted

This bill amends the current antlerless deer hunting permit system to require that all antlerless deer permits available in a wildlife management district be issued to landowners who own at least 25 contiguous acres of land open to hunting by the public and have applied for the permit. It also provides that if the number of available antlerless deer permits in a wildlife management district exceeds the number of eligible landowner applications, the remaining permits must be issued to junior hunters who have applied for an antlerless deer permit in that district.

LD 545 An Act To Enhance the Protection of Native Fish Species

**ACCEPTED
MAJORITY
(ONTP) REPORT**

Sponsor(s)

JONES

Committee Report

ONTP
OTP

Amendments Adopted

This bill:

1. Changes the class of the crimes of illegal stocking of fish and illegal use of live bait from Class E to Class C;
2. Provides that, if a person is convicted of introducing, importing or transporting live fish without a permit, the Commissioner of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife is required to revoke all fishing and hunting licenses held by that person, and that person is ineligible to obtain a fishing or hunting license for a period of at least 10 years from the date of conviction; and
3. Provides that possession or transportation of live fish without authorization gives rise to a permissible inference that the person possessing or transporting the live fish does so for the purpose of illegally introducing the fish into inland waters.

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LD 599 An Act To Review Possible Expansion of Dip Net Fishing in Northern Maine ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
THERIAULT JACKSON T	ONTP	

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill proposes to consider the expansion of dip net smelt fishing in northern Maine in specific streams in Aroostook County that are now closed.

LD 600 An Act To Include Archery Hunting Licenses among the Complimentary Licenses Issued to a Member of a Federally Recognized Indian Tribe, Nation or Band PUBLIC 136

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MITCHELL CAIN	OTP	

This bill adds an archery hunting license to the list of complimentary licenses issued to members of federally recognized Indian nations, bands and tribes. It also exempts members of federally recognized Indian nations, bands and tribes from required trapper evaluation programs and archery hunter education courses.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 136 adds an archery hunting license to the list of complimentary licenses issued to members of federally recognized Indian nations, bands and tribes. It also exempts members of federally recognized Indian nations, bands and tribes from required trapper evaluation programs and archery hunter education courses.

LD 601 An Act To Require That Certain Changes in Conservation Law Not Be Made by Rule ONTP

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

This bill provides that the Commissioner of Inland and Fisheries and Wildlife may not adopt or amend a rule that affects or changes the public use of a fishery or body of water.

LD 617 An Act To Protect the State's Native and Wild Brook Trout and Discourage Illegal Fish Introduction ONTP

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

This bill does the following.

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1. It requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to include in the listing of state heritage fish waters those waters that contain eastern brook trout and that have not been stocked since January 1, 1988. It also requires the commissioner to ensure these waters are protected to the same extent as state heritage fish waters composed of lakes and ponds that contain eastern brook trout that have never been stocked.

2. It establishes additional protections for lakes and ponds containing eastern brook trout that do not contain any nonnative species, including waters not designated as state heritage fish waters. The commissioner is required to annually inventory these waters and identify any nonnative species introduced into the waters. The commissioner is also required to take any actions within the commissioner's authority to ensure that nonnative species are not introduced into these waters and that any nonnative species that is introduced is removed. It prohibits a person from using live fish as bait or possessing live fish to be used as bait in any of these waters.

3. It eliminates all closed seasons and number, amount, weight and size limits for the taking or possession of any species of fish identified as having been illegally introduced. The commissioner may not actively promote fishing for these fish, but the commissioner is required to encourage persons who do catch these fish to kill them.

See enacted law summary for LD 1191.

LD 618 An Act To Eliminate Restrictions on Affiliated Outfitters in Laws ONTP
Governing Whitewater Rafting

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

This bill eliminates those sections of law that govern the licensure of affiliated groups and affiliated outfitters as commercial whitewater outfitters, removing restrictions on their participation in the industry.

See enacted law summary for LD 281.

LD 652 Resolve, To Establish the Advisory Committee To Update Rules INDEF PP
Regulating Commercial Whitewater Rafting

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

This bill was acted upon without reference to committee.

This resolve establishes the Advisory Committee To Update Rules Regulating Commercial Whitewater Rafting.

LD 679 Resolve, Regarding the Management of Maine's Brook Trout and ACCEPTED
Landlocked Salmon Resources MAJORITY
(ONTP) REPORT

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HUBBELL LANGLEY	ONTP OTP	

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This resolve directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to examine certain issues with respect to the current status of brook trout and landlocked salmon in the State and recommend policies and develop a statewide plan to address these issues. The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife is required to report by January 15, 2014 to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife with suggested legislation, and the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife is authorized to submit a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.

See enacted law summary for LD 1191.

LD 705 An Act To Amend the Junior Hunting License Requirements

**ACCEPTED
MAJORITY
(ONTP) REPORT**

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

This bill allows a junior hunting license to be issued to a person who attains 10 years of age in the calendar year of the hunting season.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-82)

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, amends the age limitation for obtaining a hunting license to allow a hunting license to be issued to a person who attains 10 years of age in the calendar year of the hunting season.

LD 717 An Act To Provide Free Fishing Licenses to Certain Children in the Custody of the Department of Health and Human Services

PUBLIC 93

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MCCABE TUTTLE	OTP	

This bill allows a complimentary fishing license to be issued to any resident 16 or 17 years of age who is in the custody of the Department of Health and Human Services.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 93 allows a complimentary fishing license to be issued to any resident 16 or 17 years of age who is in the custody of the Department of Health and Human Services.

LD 730 An Act To Protect Maine's Loons by Banning Lead Sinkers and Jigs

PUBLIC 372

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HASKELL SHAW	OTP-AM ONTP	S-231 S-274 DUTREMBLE

This bill makes it illegal to sell or use lead sinkers and jigs weighing one ounce or less and measuring 2 1/2 inches or less in length.

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Committee Amendment "A" (S-231)

This amendment, which is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, prohibits the sale, offer for sale and use of lead sinkers weighing one ounce or less or measuring 2 1/2 inches or less in length and prohibits the sale, offer for sale and use of unpainted lead jigs weighing one ounce or less or measuring 2 1/2 inches or less in length. Beginning September 1, 2016, the sale or offer for sale of all lead jigs weighing one ounce or less or measuring 2 1/2 inches or less in length is prohibited. Beginning September 1, 2017, the amendment prohibits the use of all lead jigs weighing one ounce or less or measuring 2 1/2 inches or less in length.

Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-274)

This amendment delays the prohibition of the sale of bare lead jigs to September 1, 2016 and delays the prohibition of the use of bare lead jigs to September 1, 2017.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 372 prohibits the sale, offer for sale and use of lead sinkers weighing one ounce or less or measuring 2 1/2 inches or less in length and prohibits the sale, offer for sale and use of unpainted lead jigs weighing one ounce or less or measuring 2 1/2 inches or less in length. Beginning September 1, 2016, the sale or offer for sale of all lead jigs weighing one ounce or less or measuring 2 1/2 inches or less in length is prohibited. Beginning September 1, 2017, the use of all lead jigs weighing one ounce or less or measuring 2 1/2 inches or less in length is prohibited.

LD 736	An Act To Establish the Review Board of Appeals To Review the Denial of Hunting and Fishing Licenses	ONTP
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<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON T WOOD	ONTP	

This bill establishes the Review Board of Appeals within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to review hunting and fishing license denials by the department.

LD 738	An Act To Promote the Northern Maine Economy and Support Maine's Sporting Camp Tradition	HELD BY GOVERNOR
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<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON T WOOD	OTP-AM ONTP	S-305 S-340 HILL

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill proposes to provide economic support for certain sporting camps by directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to offer for sale a certain number of moose permits for the camps' use. In order to qualify, a sporting camp must be a facility licensed by the Department of Health and Human Services that offers American plan fully guided taxable moose hunting packages. The moose permits would be transferable and valid for one-time use during the current season or the next season on an American plan fully guided hunt within the eligible camp's zone or up to 2 contiguous zones.

The following criteria must be considered when the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife offers the moose

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permits for sale:

1. The total number of moose permits must be greater than the number issued in calendar year 2012;
2. All hunters must hold valid Maine hunting licenses;
3. The fee per permit is \$1,500;
4. The number of permits offered for sale to the sporting camps must be capped at 250; and
5. The revenue received from the sale of the permits must be used to offset any loss from the moose permit auction by youth conservation education programs.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-305)

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, replaces the bill and creates a new moose hunting permit lottery system for hunting outfitters, who may sell or transfer the permits as part of an eating, lodging and hunting package. The permits made available for this lottery, if any, will come from 10% of the number of permits that exceed 3,140, which is the total number of moose hunting permits issued in 2010. Individuals hunting with permits issued under this system must hunt with a licensed Maine guide. Proceeds of the new lottery system will be allocated to youth conservation education programs under certain conditions and any remainder will be allocated to the Moose Research and Management Fund.

Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-340)

This amendment lapses \$10,374 for each of fiscal years 2013-14 and 2014-15 from the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Carrying Balances - General Fund account to the General Fund unappropriated surplus to offset the loss in revenue from changes made to moose permit fees.

LD 757 An Act To Amend the Hunting Laws as They Pertain to the Training of PUBLIC 286
Dogs

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SHORT DUTREMBLE	OTP-AM	H-358

This bill allows a person to train dogs on pen-raised birds at any time without a hunting license.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-358)

This amendment prohibits a person from training dogs on wild birds and wild animals if that person has a suspended or revoked license issued by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 286 allows a person to train dogs on pen-raised birds at any time without a hunting license and prohibits a person from training dogs on wild birds and wild animals if that person has a suspended or revoked license issued by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

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LD 758 An Act To Protect Boats, Moorings and Docks in the Inland Waters of the State ONTP

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

This bill closes to fishing inland waters within 250 feet of shorelines containing docks, boats, moorings or swimming floats and requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to adopt rules to implement this closure.

LD 775 An Act To Require a Nonresident To Hire a Maine Guide To Hunt Sea Ducks ONTP

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

This bill requires a nonresident sea duck hunter to hire and be accompanied by a licensed Maine guide.

LD 798 An Act To Permit Night Hunting of Coyotes on Sunday ONTP

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

This bill permits a person to hunt coyotes at night on Sundays during the open season on coyote.

See also bill summaries for LDs 96, 199, 970 and 1148.

LD 799 Resolve, To Allow Use of Live Bait for Fishing in the Allagash Wilderness Waterway and Fish River Waterway ONTP

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

This resolve directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to amend department rules to allow the use of live bait on the Allagash Wilderness Waterway and the Fish River Waterway.

LD 800 An Act To Expand Migratory Waterfowl Hunting Opportunities ONTP

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

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This bill allows Sunday migratory waterfowl hunting during the second duck hunting season established by rule by directing the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to amend the rule for that duck hunting season to allow for Sunday hunting.

**LD 857 An Act To Examine Fees Charged by Municipalities Concerning
Outdoor-related Activities**

PUBLIC 199

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ESPLING DUTREMBLE	OTP-AM	H-224

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill proposes to examine fees charged by municipalities concerning outdoor-related activities, including but not limited to hunting. This examination must include a review of fees charged by municipalities in connection with archery activities and a review of the laws governing these fees and activities.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-224)

This amendment clarifies that municipalities may not adopt or enforce any ordinance, law or rule that regulates or charges a fee for hunting, trapping or fishing, or that regulates or charges a fee for the possession or use of any hunting equipment, besides firearms, that is expressly permitted under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, Part 13.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 199 clarifies that municipalities may not adopt or enforce any ordinance, law or rule that regulates or charges a fee for hunting, trapping or fishing, or that regulates or charges a fee for the possession or use of any hunting equipment, besides firearms, that is expressly permitted under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, Part 13.

**LD 879 An Act To Increase State Wildlife Revenues and Grow the Hunting and
Fishing Industries**

PUBLIC 145

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TUTTLE	OTP-AM	S-92

This bill:

1. Limits the taking of bucks to those with 3 or more antler points on one side for those hunters without antlerless deer permits;
2. Creates a lifetime combination license for a nonresident 65 years of age or older for a \$500 fee;
3. Allows a 100% disabled veteran who is a resident of New Hampshire or Vermont to obtain free hunting, trapping and fishing licenses if that veteran's state has a reciprocal agreement with Maine;
4. Directs the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to define "deer wintering area" and to develop tax incentives for landowners to take steps to protect deer wintering areas; and
5. Directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to work with land trusts to develop ways to protect deer wintering areas by conservation easement.

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Committee Amendment "A" (S-92)

This amendment strikes everything in the bill except for the provision that allows a 100% disabled veteran who is a resident of New Hampshire or Vermont to obtain free hunting, trapping and fishing licenses if that veteran's state has a reciprocal agreement with Maine.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 145 allows a 100% disabled veteran who is a resident of New Hampshire or Vermont to obtain free hunting, trapping and fishing licenses if that veteran's state has a reciprocal agreement with Maine.

LD 895 *Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Amend Its Rules Regarding Required Setback Distances for Beaver Traps* ONTP

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

This resolve requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to amend its rules pertaining to the required setback distances from active beaver dams and beaver houses for the setting, placing and tending of traps in order to expand the number of wildlife management districts for which no setback distance is required.

LD 896 *An Act To Allow Fox Hunting at Night* ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WILLETTE JACKSON T	ONTP	

This bill establishes an open season for hunting fox at night in all counties of the State.

LD 910 *Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Study and Make Recommendations Regarding the Bear Hunting Season* ONTP

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

This resolve requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to study issues that exist during the overlapping of the bear hunting season when bait is allowed to be used and the bear hunting season when dogs are allowed to be used and report the results of its study to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by January 15, 2014. The committee is authorized to report out a bill to implement its recommendations related to the report.

See bill summary for LD 98 and enacted law summary for LD 1225.

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LD 911 An Act To Increase Revenue for the ATV Recreational Management Fund VETO SUSTAINED

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BRIGGS PATRICK	OTP-AM ONTP	H-290

This bill increases all-terrain vehicle registration fees by \$5, which increase must be deposited in the ATV Recreational Management Fund.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-290)

This amendment is the majority report of the committee and incorporates a fiscal note.

LD 930 An Act To Subject a Motorboat with a Certificate of Number from Another Jurisdiction to the Annual Registration Fee ONTP

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

This bill subjects a motorboat with a certificate of number issued by another jurisdiction that is in the State for an excess of 30 consecutive days to the annual fee paid for motorboats with a certificate of number issued by this State.

LD 931 An Act To Prevent Fish Kills and To Allow for Recreational Use of Sebago Lake CARRIED OVER

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

This bill establishes water flow requirements for a dam and bypass area that controls the water level of Sebago Lake and the flows entering the Presumpscot River to prevent fish kills and to allow for recreational use of public access to Sebago Lake.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 126th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1145, as amended by H-B (H-580) and H-C (H-582).

LD 932 An Act To Promote Fishing by Youth PUBLIC 380

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PEASE THIBODEAU	OTP-AM	H-117 S-345 HILL

This bill eliminates the requirement for a general nonresident junior fishing license for youths 12 years of age or older and under 16 years of age, so that all youths under the age of 16 do not need a fishing license, whether they are a resident or not.

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Committee Amendment "A" (H-117)

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-345)

This amendment delays the effective date of the provisions of the bill until January 1, 2015.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 380 eliminates the requirement for a general nonresident junior fishing license for youths 12 years of age or older and under 16 years of age, so that, all youths under the age of 16 do not need a fishing license, whether they are a resident or not. The provisions of this bill are effective January 1, 2015.

LD 970 An Act To Eliminate Funding To Reduce Deer Predation

**ACCEPTED
MAJORITY
(ONTP) REPORT**

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

This bill eliminates funding to control deer predation.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-362)

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, eliminates funding to control deer predation. The amendment directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to redirect all money provided to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife for predator control, including funds contained in the Maine Deer Management Fund, to deer habitat enhancement.

LD 1005 An Act To Assist Hunters Transporting Animals for Registration

ONTP

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

This bill changes the requirements for the condition of a big game animal before being presented for registration. It allows for transporting dismembered carcasses if certain criteria are met.

LD 1015 An Act To Expand Crossbow Hunting

PUBLIC 236

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WOOD	OTP-AM	H-274

This bill allows a person to hunt any wild bird or animal with a crossbow during any open season on that bird or animal and removes the restriction against using a crossbow within 100 feet of a dwelling.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-274)

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This amendment allows a person to hunt wild turkey with a crossbow during the spring open wild turkey hunting season established by rule. A person with a moose permit and that person's authorized subpermittee are both allowed to hunt moose with a crossbow during the open season on moose as established by rule and in accordance with the provisions for the lawful hunting of moose. Also, this amendment restores the restriction against using a crossbow within 100 feet of a dwelling, which is removed in the bill.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 236 allows a person to hunt any wild bird or animal with a crossbow during any open season on that bird or animal. This law allows a person to hunt bear with a crossbow during the open season on bear as provided in other law. It further allows a person to hunt wild turkey with a crossbow during the spring open wild turkey hunting season established by rule. A person with a moose permit and that person's authorized subpermittee are both allowed to hunt moose with a crossbow during the open season on moose as established by rule and in accordance with the provisions for the lawful hunting of moose. Finally, Public Law 2013, chapter 236 maintains the restriction against using a crossbow within 100 feet of a dwelling.

LD 1016 An Act Regarding the Buying and Selling of Animal Parts

PUBLIC 333

Sponsor(s)

DAVIS

Committee Report

OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted

H-359

This bill adds language to the law on buying and selling wild animals and wild birds that prohibits the purchase, sale, offer for sale or barter of any physical part of a wild animal or wild bird, and it adds certain parts that may be purchased or sold, such as naturally shed deer or moose antlers and finished wildlife products, including but not limited to tanned animal hides and taxidermy mounts.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-359)

This amendment does the following.

1. It clarifies that wild animal parts permitted to be bought and sold under the bill may not be attached to other parts of the animal.
2. It provides that a hide dealer's license is required to commercially buy, sell, barter or trade certain parts of animals or to buy, sell, barter or trade for any purpose, commercial or noncommercial, bear gall bladders, raw unfinished moose antlers and raw unfinished deer antlers.
3. It adds a confidentiality provision relating to reporting requirements for hide dealers to protect proprietary information.
4. It changes the class of crime for engaging in certain activities without a hide dealer's license from a Class E crime to a Class D crime.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 333 does the following.

1. It adds language to the law on buying and selling wild animals and wild birds that prohibits the purchase, sale, offer for sale or barter of any physical part of a wild animal or wild bird, and it adds certain parts that may be purchased or sold, such as naturally shed deer or moose antlers and finished wildlife products, including but not limited to tanned animal hides and taxidermy mounts.

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- 2. It clarifies that wild animal parts permitted to be bought and sold under the bill may not be attached to other parts of the animal.
- 3. It provides that a hide dealer's license is required to commercially buy, sell, barter or trade certain parts of animals or to buy, sell, barter or trade for any purpose, commercial or noncommercial, bear gall bladders, raw unfinished moose antlers and raw unfinished deer antlers.
- 4. It adds a confidentiality provision relating to reporting requirements for hide dealers to protect proprietary information.
- 5. It changes the class of crime for engaging in certain activities without a hide dealer's license from a Class E crime to a Class D crime.

LD 1117 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Muzzle-loading Hunting Season ONTP

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

This bill changes the special muzzle-loading open season on deer to immediately before the regular deer hunting season.

LD 1148 An Act To Expand the Season for Night Hunting of Coyotes ONTP

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

This bill establishes a night hunting season for coyotes from September 1st to December 15th. Hunting coyotes at night during this season must be at fixed bait locations and under the supervision of a game warden. It allows a client of a licensed guide who holds a permit to participate in night hunting of coyotes during this season without obtaining a permit.

See also bill summaries for LDs 96, 199, 798 and 970.

LD 1174 Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Study the Creation of a State and Federal Fish and Wildlife Museum at the Massabesic Experimental Forest in Alfred and Lyman ONTP

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

This resolve establishes the Commission To Study the Creation of a State and Federal Fish and Wildlife Museum at the Massabesic Experimental Forest in Alfred and Lyman.

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LD 1190 An Act To Require the Secretary of State To Issue Certificates of Title for All-terrain Vehicles, Snowmobiles and Watercraft ONTP

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

This bill creates a titling system to be administered by the Secretary of State to title certain all-terrain vehicles, snowmobiles and watercraft beginning January 1, 2015. The registration system currently administered by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife remains separate and in effect. The bill also authorizes the Secretary of State to establish a fee to cover the administrative costs of titling ATVs, snowmobiles and watercraft.

LD 1191 An Act To Strengthen the Fishing Laws PUBLIC 358

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ESPLING DUTREMBLE	OTP-AM	H-433

This bill makes changes to strengthen the fishing laws as follows.

1. It separates provisions governing bass fishing tournaments and provisions governing fishing derby permits.
2. It gives the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife the authority to place conditions and restrictions on derby permits and bass tournament permits. The bill also makes the violation of any condition or restriction placed on a derby permit or a bass tournament permit a civil violation, and it authorizes the commissioner to revoke a permit, refuse to issue a permit or refuse to allow the participation of any person in cases involving a violation of a condition or restriction placed on a derby permit or a bass tournament permit.
3. It clarifies that any fish caught for a fishing derby must be killed immediately and becomes part of the participant's daily bag limit.
4. It revokes the Commissioner of Marine Resources' authority over fishways in dams and other artificial obstructions in inland waters but retains the commissioner's authority over fishways in dams and other artificial obstructions in tidal waters under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 6121.
5. It authorizes the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to stock native fish species in Big Wadleigh Pond in Piscataquis County.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-433)

This amendment allows the use of live bait on Millimagassett Lake, Millinocket Lake, Little Millinocket Lake and Webster Lake. This amendment also directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to adopt rules for the use of live bait on waters that contain state heritage fish and have not been stocked since January 1, 1988.

This amendment enhances penalties for noncompliance with the requirements for the importation, transportation and possession of live freshwater fish and freshwater fish gametes, not including bait fish, by creating a 5-year revocation of licenses issued under the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife laws.

This amendment also removes the provisions of the bill that strike reference to the authority of the Commissioner of Marine Resources over fishways under the jurisdiction of the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and

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instead creates joint authority for the two commissioners for the fishways currently under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Commissioner of Marine Resources.

Finally, this amendment directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to provide a report on eastern brook trout B List waters to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by January 15, 2014 and authorizes the committee to report out a bill related to its review of the commissioner's report.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 358 makes changes to strengthen the fishing laws as follows.

1. It separates provisions governing bass fishing tournaments and provisions governing fishing derby permits.
2. It gives the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife the authority to place conditions and restrictions on derby permits and bass tournament permits. The bill also makes the violation of any condition or restriction placed on a derby permit or a bass tournament permit a civil violation, and it authorizes the commissioner to revoke a permit, refuse to issue a permit or refuse to allow the participation of any person in cases involving a violation of a condition or restriction placed on a derby permit or a bass tournament permit.
3. It clarifies that any fish caught for a fishing derby, if it is to be retained solely for derby purposes, must be killed immediately and becomes part of the participant's daily bag limit.
4. It creates joint authority for the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Commissioner of Marine Resources over fishways in dams and other artificial obstructions in tidal waters under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 6121, which under current law is under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Commissioner of Marine Resources.
5. It authorizes the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to stock native fish species in Big Wadleigh Pond in Piscataquis County.
6. It allows the use of live bait on Millimagassett Lake, Millinocket Lake, Little Millinocket Lake and Webster Lake. It also directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to adopt rules for the use of live bait on waters that contain state heritage fish and have not been stocked since January 1, 1988.
7. It enhances penalties for noncompliance with the requirements for the importation, transportation and possession of live freshwater fish and freshwater fish gametes, not including bait fish, by creating a 5-year revocation of licenses issued under the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife laws.
8. It directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to provide a report on eastern brook trout B List waters to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by January 15, 2014 and authorizes the committee to report out a bill related to its review of the commissioner's report.

LD 1225 An Act To Strengthen Maine's Wildlife Laws

**PUBLIC 280
EMERGENCY**

Sponsor(s)

BURNS

Committee Report

OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted

S-173

This bill makes changes to Maine's wildlife laws for the purpose of strengthening wildlife populations. It adds rock doves to the list of wild birds that may be hunted, and it adds bear, moose and wild turkey to the list of wild animals a person is prohibited to feed. The bill adds language to clarify that the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's extension of the open season for bird hunting in certain sections of the State that had been closed by

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proclamation must conform to federal guidelines for migratory game bird species. It adds a provision regarding unlawful possession of ruffed grouse. The bill also directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to establish a task force to consider the effect of the importation and possession of wildlife and the issues of possession and exhibition of wildlife in the State.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-173)

This amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill. It clarifies that rock doves, also known as "rock pigeons" and which the bill adds to the list of wild birds that may be hunted, are not included in the definition of "migratory game bird." It repeals the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 12051, subsection 2, which requires a permit to take rock doves from the wild for the purpose of training dogs since a rock dove is not a migratory game bird. It makes further changes to the laws regarding the placement of bear bait to prohibit hunting, trapping, molesting or harassing wildlife, using chemicals or releasing dogs in the vicinity of existing bait sites. It also requires nonresidents hunting bear with the use of a dog or dogs to be within visual and voice contact of a resident Maine guide. Finally, it makes the penalty for violation of hunting bear over another person's bait without permission a mandatory hunting license revocation.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 280 makes changes to Maine's wildlife laws for the purpose of strengthening wildlife populations.

It clarifies that rock doves, also known as "rock pigeons," which the bill adds to the list of wild birds that may be hunted, are not included in the definition of "migratory game bird." It repeals the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 12051, subsection 2, which requires a permit to take rock doves from the wild for the purpose of training dogs since a rock dove is not a migratory game bird. It also adds language to clarify that the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's extension of the open season for bird hunting in certain sections of the State that had been closed by proclamation must conform to federal guidelines for migratory game bird species. It also adds a provision regarding unlawful possession of ruffed grouse.

Also, Public Law 2013, chapter 280 adds bear, moose and wild turkey to the list of wild animals a person is prohibited to feed. It directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to establish a task force to consider the effect of the importation and possession of wildlife and the issues of possession and exhibition of wildlife in the State. It makes further changes to the laws regarding the placement of bear bait to prohibit hunting, trapping, molesting or harassing wildlife, using chemicals or releasing dogs in the vicinity of existing bait sites. It also requires nonresidents hunting bear with the use of a dog or dogs to be within visual and voice contact of a resident Maine guide. Finally, it makes the penalty for violation of hunting bear over another person's bait without permission a mandatory hunting license revocation.

Public Law 2013, chapter 280 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 18, 2013.

LD 1248 An Act To Establish Trail Standards in Deer Wintering Areas

ONTP

Sponsor(s)

DUNPHY

Committee Report

ONTP

Amendments Adopted

This bill directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, in consultation with the Maine Land Use Planning Commission and the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, to adopt rules that establish standards for the construction of trails in deer wintering areas. This bill also directs the Maine Land Use Planning Commission to incorporate these standards for the construction of trails in deer wintering areas in the State's land use standards.

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LD 1263 An Act To Increase Funding for the Snowmobile Trail Fund and Adjust the Sales Tax Relating to Snowmobiles and Trail-grooming Equipment

**VETO
SUSTAINED**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
STANLEY	OTP-AM OTP-AM	H-533 S-356 HILL

This bill makes the following changes related to snowmobile registration and sales tax on snowmobiles and trail-grooming equipment.

1. It increases the resident snowmobile registration fee from \$40 to \$60.
2. It increases the nonresident seasonal snowmobile registration fee from \$88 to \$108.
3. It provides that a person who buys an annual registration for that person's snowmobile before January 1st of each year receives a \$10 deduction in the registration fee.
4. It increases the 3-day nonresident snowmobile registration fee from \$43 to \$50.
5. It directs that all revenue raised from registration increases proposed in this bill be deposited in the Snowmobile Trail Fund of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Division of Parks and Public Lands, Off-road Recreational Vehicle Office.
6. It creates a 7-day nonresident snowmobile registration with a fee of \$75.
7. It removes the 5% sales tax on diesel fuel used in off-road trail-grooming equipment.
8. It removes the sales tax on the purchase of trail-grooming equipment and parts.
9. It provides that the sales tax on the purchase of snowmobiles be transferred to the Snowmobile Trail Fund.
10. It creates a snowmobile vanity license plate with a portion of the revenue going into the Snowmobile Trail Fund.
11. It repeals the language that provided the municipality where the owner of trail-grooming equipment or a snowmobile resides with 26% of the trail-grooming equipment or snowmobile registration fee.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-533)

This amendment, which is the majority report, makes the following changes related to snowmobile registration and sales tax on snowmobiles and trail-grooming equipment.

1. It increases the resident snowmobile registration fee from \$40 to \$45 and allocates the additional \$5 to the Snowmobile Trail Fund of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Division of Parks and Public Lands.
2. The bill increases the 3-day nonresident snowmobile registration fee from \$43 to \$50 and the amendment increases the seasonal nonresident registration from \$88 to \$110 and allocates the additional revenue to the Snowmobile Trail Fund of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Division of Parks and Public Lands.

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3. The bill removes the 26% of the snowmobile and trail-grooming equipment registration fee that is distributed to municipalities and the amendment restores it.
4. It strikes the provisions of the bill that modify the sales tax exemptions related to the purchase of trail-grooming equipment.
5. It amends the law governing the special fuel tax to make it clear that fuel qualifying for a refund under that law does not lose the sales tax exemption created in the bill for diesel fuel used in snowmobile trail-grooming machinery.
6. It strikes the provision in the bill that creates a snowmobile vanity license plate.
7. It strikes the provision that the sales tax on snowmobiles be transmitted to the Snowmobile Trail Fund of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Division of Parks and Public Lands.

Committee Amendment "B" (H-534)

This amendment, which is the minority report, makes the following changes related to snowmobile registration and sales tax on snowmobiles and trail-grooming equipment.

1. It maintains the resident snowmobile registration fee of \$40.
2. The bill increases the 3-day nonresident snowmobile registration fee from \$43 to \$50 and the amendment increases the seasonal nonresident registration from \$88 to \$110 and allocates the additional revenue to the Snowmobile Trail Fund of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Division of Parks and Public Lands.
3. The bill removes the 26% of the snowmobile and trail-grooming equipment registration fee that is distributed to municipalities and the amendment restores it.
4. It strikes the provisions of the bill that modify the sales tax exemptions related to the purchase of trail-grooming equipment.
5. It amends the law governing the special fuel tax to make it clear that fuel qualifying for a refund under that law does not lose the sales tax exemption created in the bill for diesel fuel used in snowmobile trail-grooming machinery.
6. It strikes the provision in the bill that creates a snowmobile vanity license plate.
7. It strikes the provision that the sales tax on snowmobiles be transmitted to the Snowmobile Trail Fund of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Division of Parks and Public Lands.

Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-356)

This amendment transfers funds from the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Off-road Recreational Vehicles Program, Snowmobile Trail Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to offset the loss in revenue from exempting diesel fuel used for grooming snowmobile trails from the sales tax in fiscal years 2013-14 and 2014-15.

This bill was committed to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and carried over to any special or regular session of the 126th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1145, as amended by H-B (H-580) and H-C (H-582).

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LD 1264 An Act Allowing the Harvesting of Yellow Perch with Seines

PUBLIC 148

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KNIGHT THOMAS	OTP-AM	H-172

This bill allows the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to adopt rules to issue a permit allowing a person to use seines to fish for and possess yellow perch.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-172)

This amendment removes the emergency preamble and emergency clause.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 148 allows the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to adopt rules to issue a permit allowing a person to use seines to fish for and possess yellow perch.

LD 1265 An Act To Strengthen Maine's Assent Language for Participation in the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act

PUBLIC 189

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAVIS DUTREMBLE	OTP	

This bill requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to ensure that revenue raised by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife is not diverted to any purpose other than administration of the department in accordance with the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 22. That constitutional provision prohibits the diversion of revenue collected from license and permit fees; fines; the sale, lease or rental of property; penalties; and any other revenue source related to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 189 requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to ensure that revenue raised by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife is not diverted to any purpose other than administration of the department in accordance with the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 22. That constitutional provision prohibits the diversion of revenue collected from license and permit fees; fines; the sale, lease or rental of property; penalties; and any other revenue source related to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

LD 1303 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Preserve Hunting and Fishing

DIED IN CONCURRENCE

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FREDETTE GOODALL	OTP-AM ONTP	H-420

This resolution proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to provide that the citizens of Maine have the personal right to hunt, fish and harvest wildlife, subject to laws and rules that promote wildlife conservation and preserve the future of hunting and fishing, and to provide that public hunting and fishing are a preferred means of managing and controlling wildlife.

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Committee Amendment "A" (H-420)

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, strikes the constitutional amendment language in the bill and replaces it with constitutional language to forever preserve hunting and fishing and the taking of wildlife subject to regulation for the public good. The amendment also excludes from laws that may be proposed in a citizen initiative laws governing hunting and fishing that would limit hunting or fishing. Additionally, the amendment changes the ballot question to reflect this new language.

LD 1374 An Act To Allow a Person To Hunt with a Crossbow during the Archery-only Deer Season

**ACCEPTED
MAJORITY
(ONTP) REPORT**

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

This bill allows crossbows to be used during the regular archery-only season and allows a person with a valid permit to hunt bear, moose and wild turkey with a crossbow without obtaining a crossbow hunting license.

See enacted law summary for LD 1015.

LD 1398 An Act To Facilitate a Pilot Program for Sunday Hunting for Residents Only

ONTP

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

This bill allows a person with a resident junior hunting license or a resident hunting license to hunt wild animals or wild birds on the last Sunday during the open hunting season. This provision is repealed in two years. The bill is contingent on approval by the voters in a referendum at the general election in November.

LD 1399 An Act To Provide for the Aroostook Band of Micmacs Certain Rights Regarding Hunting, Fishing and Wildlife Management

**ACCEPTED
MAJORITY
(ONTP) REPORT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WILLETTE JACKSON T	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill provides the Aroostook Band of Micmacs the same authority to regulate hunting, fishing and wildlife management as that of the Passamaquoddy Tribe and the Penobscot Nation and provides upon request each member of the Aroostook Band of Micmacs a moose permit allowing the member to take one moose per year.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-289)

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, replaces the bill with a provision that requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to issue 12 moose hunting permits to the Aroostook Band of Micmacs and 12 moose hunting permits to the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians for sustenance or ceremonial tribal use by members of those tribes. This amendment was not adopted.

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LD 1435 An Act To Amend Certain Provisions of the Fish and Wildlife Laws

PUBLIC 408

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SHAW HASKELL	OTP-AM	H-500 S-363 HILL

This bill amends the fish and wildlife laws in the following ways.

1. It allows the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, after consultation with the Governor and the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council, to terminate any open season for hunting, fishing or trapping in any part of the State due to adverse weather conditions or unlawful activity. Once the reason for the termination has passed, the commissioner, with the consent of the Governor, may extend the open season in the affected part of the State for a number of days not to exceed the number of days hunting, fishing or trapping was prohibited.
2. It allows the commissioner, in addition to current authorization to issue 2 moose permits to a nonprofit organization providing hunting and fishing adventures to children under 21 years of age, to issue, in extenuating circumstances, 2 other permits or licenses for other fishing or hunting adventures.
3. It removes the requirement that the commissioner or the commissioner's designee meet with an applicant with a permanent physical disability seeking special authorization to hunt, trap or fish in a manner not otherwise authorized.
4. It allows a resident or member of the resident's family to trap beaver on land that is owned and occupied by the resident as a domicile and that is used exclusively for agricultural purposes.
5. It provides for the registration of antique motorboats, which are boats that are more than 50 years old.
6. It allows a resident who is in the military stationed outside of the State to get a trapping license for the cost of the license to the department and allows the spouse and children of that resident in the military to get a reduced-fee trapping license.
7. It establishes a quorum and attendance requirements for the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council.
8. It clarifies that a person can forgo a hunter education safety course by showing proof that the person has previously held a valid adult license for the license being sought.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-500)

This amendment strikes the provision of the bill regarding registration of antique motorboats. This amendment also:

1. Waives the boat registration requirement for motorboats participating in a permitted event;
2. Renames a wildlife management area after Major Gregory Sanborn;
3. Allows the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to charge a \$1 fee for a temporary registration certificate for a snowmobile dealer;
4. Changes what constitutes driving deer;
5. Includes skull mounts as part of the list of activities that a taxidermist license holder may partake in;

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6. Allows certain Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife programs to offer gifts;
7. Clarifies the law that allows for special antlerless deer permits to be issued to certain amputees;
8. Eliminates the fishing license requirement for all individuals under 16 years of age; and
9. Includes all nonresident junior hunting permits in a nonresident junior hunting license at no additional cost.

Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-363)

This amendment removes the provision that allows a nonresident who is 12 years of age or older and under 16 years of age to fish without a license.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 408 does the following:

1. Waives the boat registration requirement for motorboats participating in a permitted event;
2. Renames a wildlife management area after Major Gregory Sanborn;
3. Allows the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to charge a \$1 fee for a temporary registration certificate for a snowmobile dealer;
4. Changes what constitutes driving deer;
5. Includes skull mounts as part of the list of activities that a taxidermist license holder may partake in;
6. Allows certain Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife programs to offer gifts;
7. Clarifies the law that allows for special antlerless deer permits to be issued to certain amputees; and
8. Includes all nonresident junior hunting permits in a nonresident junior hunting license at no additional cost.

LD 1474 An Act To Amend the Laws Pertaining to the Hunting of Bear

ONTP

Sponsor(s)

HARLOW

Committee Report

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Amendments Adopted

This bill prohibits, with certain exceptions, hunting bear with dogs and trapping bear. The bill also sets a permanent closed season on bear hunting from January 1st through July 31st and decreases the bear bag limit from two to one. In addition, the bill prohibits the trade in bear gall bladders and imposes increased penalties for bear poaching for repeat offenders.

See also enacted law summary for LD 1016.

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Enacted

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Not Enacted

LD 89	An Act To Establish a Deadline for Snowmobile Registration	CARRIED OVER
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LD 911	An Act To Increase Revenue for the ATV Recreational Management Fund	VETO SUSTAINED
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Bear

Not Enacted

LD 98	Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Study Issues Related to Bear Hunting and Management	ONTP
LD 910	Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Study and Make Recommendations Regarding the Bear Hunting Season	ONTP
LD 1474	An Act To Amend the Laws Pertaining to the Hunting of Bear	ONTP

Constitutional Provisions

Not Enacted

LD 1303	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Preserve Hunting and Fishing	DIED IN CONCURRENCE
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Coyote Control

Not Enacted

Coyote Control

Not Enacted

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Crossbow

Enacted

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Not Enacted

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LD 264	An Act To Allow Crossbow Hunting during Muzzle-loading Season	DIED BETWEEN HOUSES
LD 356	An Act To Allow a Person Who Is 60 Years of Age or Older To Use a Crossbow during the Open Seasons on Wild Birds and Animals	MAJORITY (ONTP) REPORT
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Deer

Enacted

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LD 544	An Act To Give Certain Landowners First Priority for Antlerless Deer Permits	MAJORITY (ONTP) REPORT
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Deer

Not Enacted

LD 1248 An Act To Establish Trail Standards in Deer Wintering Areas ONTP

Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Enacted

LD 128 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council PUBLIC 375

LD 280 Resolve, Concerning Rights-of-way over Eastern Road in Scarborough RESOLVE 11

LD 1265 An Act To Strengthen Maine's Assent Language for Participation in the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act PUBLIC 189

Not Enacted

LD 86 Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Amend Its Process of Gathering Public Opinion on Rulemaking and Other Projects ONTP

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Enacted

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EMERGENCY

LD 757 An Act To Amend the Hunting Laws as They Pertain to the Training of Dogs PUBLIC 286

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Enacted

LD 26 An Act To Authorize the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Change a Fishing Season Opening Date Statewide PUBLIC 3

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EMERGENCY

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Fish and Fishing

Not Enacted

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Fish and Wildlife Heritage Museum

Not Enacted

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Hunting

Enacted

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Not Enacted

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Not Enacted

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Enacted

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Not Enacted

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Maine Tribes

Enacted

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Not Enacted

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Not Enacted

LD 775	An Act To Require a Nonresident To Hire a Maine Guide To Hunt Sea Ducks	ONTP
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Moose

Enacted

LD 177	An Act To Expand Moose Hunting Opportunities	PUBLIC 226
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Not Enacted

LD 738	An Act To Promote the Northern Maine Economy and Support Maine's Sporting Camp Tradition	HELD BY GOVERNOR
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Enacted

LD 1435 An Act To Amend Certain Provisions of the Fish and Wildlife Laws PUBLIC 408

Snowmobiles

Not Enacted

LD 97 An Act To Improve the Integrity of the State's Snowmobile Trail System ONTP

Sunday Hunting

Not Enacted

LD 1398 An Act To Facilitate a Pilot Program for Sunday Hunting for Residents Only ONTP

Trapping

Not Enacted

LD 895 Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Amend Its Rules Regarding Required Setback Distances for Beaver Traps ONTP

Watercraft

Not Enacted

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Whitewater Rafting

Enacted

LD 281 An Act To Reform Maine's Whitewater Rafting Laws PUBLIC 245

Not Enacted

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Enacted

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Not Enacted

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