

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

**In Support of L.D. 1307**

**“AN ACT TO PROMOTE SNOWMOBILING IN MAINE”**

**SPONSORED BY: Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin**

CO-SPONSORED BY: Representative NADEAU of Winslow  
Senator BLACK of Franklin  
Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis  
Senator DILL of Penobscot  
Representative LANDRY of Farmington  
Representative MASON of Lisbon  
Representative ORDWAY of Standish

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Good morning Senator Dill, Representative Nadeau and members of the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee. I am Bill Swan, Director of Licensing and Registration at the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, speaking on behalf of the Department, in support of **L.D. 1307**.

Per current law, the commissioner may establish one 3-day period each year where a non-resident may operate a snowmobile that is not registered in this State if the snowmobile is registered in another state or Canadian province. L.D. 1307 directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to establish an online notification process by which a nonresident who plans to operate a snowmobile during this 3-day period can provide information about themselves as well as the location(s) they intend to operate during the 3-day period. The nonresident would need to agree to allow their information to be used for the purposes of promoting snowmobiling in the State. The Department feels that this is a valuable activity that would tie in nicely with the R3 efforts the Department is working on and also feels that it can accomplish this work without a significant increase in administrative burden.

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