

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

**NEITHER FOR NOR AGAINST L.D. 865**

**“AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAWS GOVERNING THE FUNDING SOURCES  
OF THE MAINE CONTROLLED MOOSE HUNT SEASON”**

**SPONSORED BY: Representative STEWART of Presque Isle**

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Representative MARTIN of Sinclair  
Representative MASON of Lisbon  
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Representative THERIAULT of China  
Representative DAVIS of Piscataquis  
Representative DILL of Penobscot

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Good afternoon Senator Dill, Representative Nadeau and members of the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee. I am Tim Peabody, Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, speaking on behalf of the Department, neither for nor against **L.D. 865**.

Because L.D. 865 is a concept draft, the Department cannot speak to the specifics of the bill. However, the Department does have a couple things that it would like the Committee to consider on this bill. First, there are many different individuals and organizations that provide disabled veterans opportunities in a wide variety of outdoor activities. The Controlled Moose Hunt is one of many. Second, if the Committee chooses to move forward with this legislation, the Department could set up a special fund that people could donate to for whatever purpose the Committee decides. We already have several special funds of this type that we administer.

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