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LD 54 An Act To Change the Coyote Night Hunting Season

PUBLIC 46

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MCFADDEN RAYE	OTP-AM	H-29

LD 54 proposes to change the coyote night hunting season from January 1st to June 1st to December 1st to May 1st each year.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-29)

This amendment proposes to change the starting date of the night hunting season for coyotes from January 1st to December 16th and to keep the June 1st ending date that is current law.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 46 makes December 16th the starting date for the open night hunting season on coyote.

LD 66 An Act To Amend Maine's Endangered and Threatened Species List by Removing the Bald Eagle

PUBLIC 60

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BRYANT B	OTP-AM	S-44

LD 66 proposes to remove the bald eagle from Maine's list of threatened species.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-44)

This amendment provides a species that was listed as a state endangered or threatened species but was removed from that list after 2007 continues to receive the same protections against certain intentional acts as was provided that species when it was listed as a state endangered or threatened species.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 60 removes the bald eagle from the list of threatened species in the State and provides a species that was listed as a state endangered or threatened species but was removed from that list after 2007 continues to receive the same protections against certain intentional acts as was given that species when it was listed as a state endangered or threatened species.

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LD 70 An Act To Amend the Length Limits on Fish Caught on the Inland Waters

ONTP

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

LD 70 requires that length limits established for fish taken from any inland body of water of the State are the same during the open-water fishing season and when waters have been opened for ice fishing by the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife for that body of water.

LD 85 An Act To Simplify and Consolidate Maine's Fishing Laws and Rules

PUBLIC 214

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GOOLEY	OTP-AM	S-128

LD 85 makes changes to the laws governing the season framework for open water and ice fishing to facilitate the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's simplifying and consolidating of open water and ice fishing seasons.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-128)

This amendment replaces the bill and amends the fishing laws to:

1. Exempt the rules adopted for open-water fishing and ice fishing from the 150-day limit for review by the Attorney General;
2. Repeal the prohibition on ice fishing at night;
3. Add drop nets to the list of fishing implements that are illegal to possess on or adjacent to inland waters except as otherwise provided in law;
4. Give the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife the ability to set, by rule, the open season for fishing in certain waters;
5. Exempt smelt wholesale dealers from using certain fishing implements to harvest smelts that are otherwise illegal;
6. Repeal the requirement that rules adopted by the commissioner that set forth the special fishing regulations for inland waters must include a list of waters where a person under 12 years of age may fish with a single-baited hook and line;
7. Authorize the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to stock Big Reed Pond in Piscataquis County with native fish species;
8. Remove language concerning the continued closed season on the dipping of smelts from Morrill Pond and its tributaries in Somerset County;

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9. Remove the requirement that whenever the last day of open-water fishing season falls on a Saturday, the season is extended one day to include the following Sunday;
10. Remove the provision that allows the commissioner by rule to extend the open-water fishing season as long as such an extension does not pose a threat to the fishery because this authority is no longer needed;
11. Provide that a person must keep fishing lines during the open-water fishing season under the immediate supervision of that person;
12. Provide that a person may not leave an ice shack on the ice of any inland waters past April 1st of each year; and
13. Remove the prohibition against placing an ice shack on the ice of inland water more than 3 days before the start of ice fishing season.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 214 amends the fishing laws to:

1. Exempt the rules adopted for open-water fishing and ice fishing from the 150-day limit for review by the Attorney General;
2. Repeal the prohibition on ice fishing at night;
3. Add drop nets to the list of fishing implements that are illegal to possess on or adjacent to inland waters except as otherwise provided in law;
4. Give the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife the ability to set, by rule, the open season for fishing in certain waters;
5. Exempt smelt wholesale dealers from using certain fishing implements to harvest smelts that are otherwise illegal;
6. Repeal the requirement that rules adopted by the commissioner that set forth the special fishing regulations for inland waters must include a list of waters where a person under 12 years of age may fish with a single-baited hook and line;
7. Authorize the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to stock Big Reed Pond in Piscataquis County with native fish species;
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12. Provide that a person may not leave an ice shack on the ice of any inland waters past April 1st of each year; and

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13. Remove the prohibition against placing an ice shack on the ice of inland water more than 3 days before the start of ice fishing season.

LD 88 An Act To Permit Personal Watercraft on Lake St. George in Liberty ACCEPTED ONTP REPORT

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

LD 88 allows personal watercraft to be operated on Lake St. George in Liberty.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-45)

This amendment is a minority report. It changes the fine structure for certain violations of watercraft operation laws from fines of not less than \$100 or more than \$500 to a minimum fine of \$500.

LD 124 An Act To Remove Game Sanctuary Status for Certain Lands in the Town of Orrington PUBLIC 4

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

LD 124 removes game sanctuary status for certain lands in the Town of Orrington.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 4 removes game sanctuary status for certain lands in the Town of Orrington. Public Law 2009, chapter 269 enacted later in this session restores the game sanctuary status for this property.

LD 132 An Act To Clarify Hunting and Trapping Laws for Youth PUBLIC 69

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BRYANT B	OTP-AM	S-46

LD 132 amends the hunting and trapping laws to:

1. Provide penalties for adult supervisors, parents and guardians of minors who violate the laws governing fishing, hunting and trapping;
2. Conform the age requirement for licensure of nonresident anglers to that of resident anglers in accordance with an effort by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to make fishing laws more consistent; and

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3. Prohibit a person under 10 years of age from trapping bear. This is a safety concern of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-46)

This amendment removes provisions of LD 132 relating to the licensure of youth anglers.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 69 provides penalties for adult supervisors, parents and guardians of minors who violate the laws governing fishing, hunting and trapping and prohibits a person under 10 year of age from trapping bear.

LD 137 Resolve, To Authorize a Trail To Be Built Connecting the Cascade Falls Trail with the Eastern Trail ONTP

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

LD 137 authorizes the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to enter into an agreement to allow a trail to be built across state-owned land in Saco.

LD 138 An Act Regarding the Placement of Bait To Attract Wild Animals or Birds for Hunting PUBLIC 70

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SARTY COURTNEY	OTP-AM	H-60

LD 138 requires the labeling of bait sites, owner permission to place baits and cleanup of bait areas within a specific period of time.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-60)

This amendment replaces the bill and amends the laws governing baiting to:

1. Require a person placing bait to plainly label the bait site with a 2-inch-by-4-inch tag identifying the name and address of the person establishing the bait site;
2. Provide that a person may not hunt at a bait site established by another person unless that person has permission from the person that established the bait site; and
3. Require the person that established the bait site to remove the bait and the bait label and clean up the bait site after the landowner requests the removal of that bait or within 20 days from the last day the person that established the bait site hunted over that bait.

The baiting requirements in this amendment do not apply to bear baiting or bait placed on the ice of inland waters.

Enacted Law Summary

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Public Law 2009, chapter 70 amends the laws governing baiting to:

1. Require a person placing bait to plainly label the bait site with a 2-inch-by-4-inch tag identifying the name and address of the person establishing the bait site;
2. Provide that a person may not hunt at a bait site established by another person unless that person has permission from the person that established the bait site; and
3. Require the person that established the bait site to remove the bait and the bait label and clean up the bait site after the landowner requests the removal of that bait or within 20 days from the last day the person that established the bait site hunted over that bait.

These requirements do not apply to bear baiting or bait placed on the ice of inland waters.

LD 139 An Act To Require a Guide License for Certain Outdoor Activities ONTP

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

LD 139 amends the definition of "guide" to include "recreational activities" as one of the enumerated activities within that definition for which a guide license may be required.

LD 164 An Act To Save Lives on Maine Waters ONTP

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

LD 164 makes it mandatory, with certain exceptions, that everyone in a watercraft wear a personal flotation device.

LD 168 An Act To Provide Complimentary Hunting and Fishing Licenses to Resident Disabled Veterans Who Served in Support Units Outside of Combat Zones ACCEPTED ONTP REPORT

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

LD 168 provides complimentary hunting and fishing licenses to resident disabled veterans who have served outside of a combat zone in support units for units in a combat zone.

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LD 171 An Act To Extend the Season for Training Hunting Dogs

**PUBLIC 76
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON	OTP-AM	S-22

LD 171 bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208 and proposes to extend the season for training hunting dogs.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-22)

This amendment replaces the bill and does the following for a one year period.

1. It requires a person to possess a valid hunting license when training hunting dogs.
2. It extends the training season for dogs on bears by one month.
3. It changes the current limit on the number of dogs that can be trained on bear at one time from 4 dogs to 6 dogs.

The provisions of this amendment apply from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 76 does the following between July 1, 2009 and June 30, 2010.

1. It requires a person to possess a valid hunting license when training hunting dogs.
2. It extends the training season for dogs on bears by one month.
3. It changes the current limit on the number of dogs that can be trained on bear by a resident at one time from 4 dogs to 6 dogs.

Public Law 2009, chapter 76 was enacted as an emergency measure effective July 1, 2009.

**LD 172 Resolve, Requiring the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To
Market Youth Fishing Day**

ONTP

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

LD 172 is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. It proposed to direct the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to coordinate with the Department of Economic and Community Development, sportsmen's organizations, nonprofit organizations and other interested parties to promote the last Saturday in May as a statewide youth fishing event.

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LD 179 An Act To Clarify Expenditures and the Use of Department-generated Revenues within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

PUBLIC 146

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BRYANT B	OTP-AM	S-96

LD 179 provides that money received by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife from the sale, lease or rental of department-owned property or products must be deposited into the program account that originally expended funds for that property. It also establishes the Warden Service Aircraft Fund to fund the purchase and maintenance of aviation equipment.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-96)

This amendment clarifies that the Warden Service Aircraft Fund can be used for operational expenses.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 146 provides that money received by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife from the sale, lease or rental of department-owned property or products must be deposited into the program account that originally expended funds for that property. It also establishes the Warden Service Aircraft Fund to fund the purchase and maintenance of aviation equipment.

LD 225 Resolve, To Provide for the Long-term Funding of Programs of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

RESOLVE 107

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TRAHAN	OTP-AM	S-201

LD 225 is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. It proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine, Article 9, Section 22 to provide for the segregation and protection of funding for those programs administered by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife that are not related to hunting, fishing or trapping.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-201)

This amendment replaces the resolution and directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to consult with hunting and fishing groups, environmental and conservation groups and other interested parties to identify long-term funding sources for the department other than the revenues currently realized by the department and to develop language and a strategy for amending the Constitution of Maine to protect funding for those programs administered by the department that are not related to hunting, fishing or trapping. It also requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to report its findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by January 5, 2010 and authorizes that committee to submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature regarding matters contained in the report.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2009, chapter 107 directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to consult with hunting and fishing groups, environmental and conservation groups and other interested parties to identify long-term funding sources for the department other than the revenues currently realized by the department and to develop language and

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a strategy for amending the Constitution of Maine to protect funding for those programs administered by the department that are not related to hunting, fishing or trapping. It also requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to report its findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by January 5, 2010 and authorizes that committee to submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature regarding matters contained in the report.

LD 241 An Act To Create an Additional Hunting Season for Bear

**ACCEPTED ONTP
REPORT**

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

LD 241 is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to establish an additional open hunting season for bear to be held in the spring.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-48)

This amendment is the minority report of the committee and turns the bill into a resolve directing the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to create a spring bear hunting season by rule.

**LD 244 Resolve, To Ensure Transparency in Funding Certain Programs within
the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife**

RESOLVE 38

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TRAHAN	OTP-AM	S-65

LD 244 directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to identify programs and functions within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife that are not directly related to an activity that requires a license, permit or registration issued by the department and to develop a plan to create a new division within the department to house those programs and functions. It also provides that the commissioner shall develop draft legislation to implement the plan and to specify that funding for the new division must come from General Fund revenues not subject to the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 22. The plan and draft legislation must be submitted to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife no later than 20 days from the effective date of this resolve.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-65)

This amendment replaces the resolve and requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to develop a methodology to articulate how Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife activities have benefited the general public and to determine what the general public expects from the department. The methodology must also allow the department to readily determine any new financial requirements or mandates on the department that require expenditures by the department that are not funded by the General Fund other than money subject to the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 22 or by other special revenues or federal funds. It also requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to report the methodology to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by January 5, 2010.

Enacted Law Summary

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Resolve 2009, chapter 38 requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to develop a methodology to articulate how Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife activities have benefited the general public and to determine what the general public expects from the department. The methodology must also allow the department to readily determine any new financial requirements or mandates on the department that require expenditures by the department that are not funded by the General Fund other than money subject to the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 22 or by other special revenues or federal funds. It also requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to report the methodology to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by January 5, 2010.

LD 253 **An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Alien Big Game and Turkey Hunters and Nonresident Hunters**

PUBLIC 390

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FLOOD SHERMAN	OTP-AM A OTP-AM B ONTP C	H-396

LD 253 repeals the requirement that an alien big game hunter be accompanied by a guide licensed by the State.

Committee Amendment "B" (H-397)

This amendment is the minority report of the committee and replaces the bill. It repeals the current prohibition on aliens hunting big game in the State without a guide and provides that an alien residing in New Brunswick or Quebec may not hunt big game or wild turkey in Maine without being accompanied by a licensed guide. Current law provides that a nonresident may not hunt bear with the use of dogs unless that person employs and hunts with a resident Maine guide and it limits the number of nonresident clients a guide can hunt with under that provision to 3 hunters. This amendment increases that number to 5.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-396)

This amendment replaces the bill. It repeals the current prohibition on aliens hunting big game in the State without a guide and provides that an alien residing in New Brunswick or Quebec may not hunt big game or wild turkey in Maine without being accompanied by a licensed guide unless that alien has written authorization from the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to hunt big game or wild turkey without a guide. The commissioner may not grant such authority unless the alien owns or leases real property in the State, is current on the property taxes for that land and keeps that owned or leased property open for hunting by the public. If an alien meets those criteria, the commissioner must provide written permission to hunt big game or wild turkey in Maine without a guide to that alien and the alien's immediate family members who also hold a Maine hunting license.

Current law provides that a nonresident may not hunt bear with the use of dogs unless that person employs and hunts with a resident Maine guide and it limits the number of nonresident clients a guide can hunt with to 3 hunters. This amendment increases that number to 5.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 390 repeals the current prohibition on aliens hunting big game in the State without a guide and provides that an alien residing in New Brunswick or Quebec may not hunt big game or wild turkey in Maine without being accompanied by a licensed guide unless that alien has written authorization from the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to hunt big game or wild turkey without a guide. It provides that the commissioner may not grant such authority unless the alien owns or leases real property in the State, is current on the property taxes for that land and keeps that owned or leased property open for hunting by the public. If an alien meets those criteria the commissioner must provide written permission to hunt big game or wild turkey in Maine without a guide to that alien and the alien's immediate family members who also hold a Maine hunting license. Current law provides

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that a nonresident may not hunt bear with the use of dogs unless that person employs and hunts with a resident Maine guide and it limits the number of nonresident clients a guide can hunt with to 3 hunters. Public Law 2009, chapter 390 increases that number to 5.

**LD 256 *Resolve, To Direct the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
To Explore Opportunities and Issues Surrounding Wild Turkey
Hunting*** **RESOLVE 48**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JOHNSON COURTNEY	OTP-AM	H-170

LD 256 directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to implement measures to increase the number of turkeys that may be taken by hunters and to establish rules to relieve the economic losses of farms and other businesses affected by the overpopulation of wild turkeys.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-170)

This amendment replaces the resolve and directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to work with interested parties to explore the opportunities and issues surrounding the wild turkey hunt and the problem of nuisance turkeys in farming areas and to report the findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by January 5, 2010.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2009, chapter 48 directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to work with interested parties to explore the opportunities and issues surrounding the wild turkey hunt and the problem of nuisance turkeys in farming areas and to report the findings and any recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by January 5, 2010.

**LD 286 *An Act To Encourage Young Hunters by Providing Them with
Complimentary Licenses and Permits*** **ONTP**

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

LD 286 provides a complimentary license to hunt to a resident 10 years of age or older and under 16 years of age.

LD 287 *An Act To Survey Anglers Annually* **ONTP**

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

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LD 287 requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to contract with a professional polling firm for an annual survey measuring the interests and opinions of anglers who fish in this State, both residents and nonresidents, including, but not limited to, their level of satisfaction with their fishing experiences.

LD 288 An Act To Expand Super Pack License Opportunities

PUBLIC 132

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HANLEY JACKSON	OTP-AM	H-102

LD 288 provides that a super pack licensee is eligible for moose lottery bonus points and, unlike other license holders, accumulated bonus points are not eliminated if that person fails to purchase a new lottery chance the following year. It also expands the number and type of deer a super pack license holder is eligible to harvest.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-102)

This amendment removes the sections of the bill dealing with the moose lottery and the number of deer that can be taken under a super pack license. It retains the provision that reduces the number of antlerless deer permits that must be available in a wildlife management district from 5,000 permits to 3,500 permits before a super pack license holder is eligible to obtain an antlerless deer permit.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 132 reduces the number of antlerless deer permits that must be available in a wildlife management district from 5,000 permits to 3,500 permits before a super pack license holder is eligible to obtain an antlerless deer permit.

LD 289 An Act To Require Boating Safety Education

**LEAVE TO
WITHDRAW**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WATSON PERRY J	LTW	

LD 289 requires boating safety education for all motorboat users in the State. It requires full compliance for all users by 2017, but creates a phase-in for implementation by age group.

**LD 303 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Deer Hunting and To Extend
the Coyote Hunting Season**

PUBLIC 134

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TRAHAN	OTP-AM	S-88

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LD 303 allows the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to set December 20th as the ending date for the open season for deer. Current law allows the commissioner to set December 15th as the ending date. LD 303 authorizes nonresidents who own 25 or more acres of land in this State and keep that land open to hunting to hunt deer on the Saturday preceding the first day of open season on deer, which is currently reserved for hunting by residents only. The bill expands the open season for hunting coyotes at night from December 20th to August 15th. Current law provides a season that runs from January 1st to June 1st.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-88)

This amendment removes provisions from the bill that would allow certain nonresidents to hunt deer on the day reserved for resident hunters and that would extend the night hunting season for coyotes.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 134 authorizes the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to set December 20th as the ending date for the open hunting season for deer. Current law allows the commissioner to set December 15th as the ending date.

LD 308 An Act To Clarify Standards by Which All-terrain Vehicles May Be Stopped

PUBLIC 389

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MARTIN J L BRYANT B	OTP-AM MAJ OTP-AM MIN	H-354

LD 308 requires a game warden to have a reasonable and articulable suspicion to believe that a violation of law has taken place or is taking place before stopping an all-terrain vehicle.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-354)

This amendment clarifies that the reasonable and articulable suspicion standard for all-terrain vehicle stops applies to all law enforcement officers and not just game wardens.

Committee Amendment "B" (H-355)

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause and clarifies that the reasonable and articulable suspicion standard for all-terrain vehicle stops applies to all law enforcement officers and not just game wardens. It repeals that standard on February 1, 2010. It also directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to report on how the new standard affected the department's ability to enforce all-terrain vehicle laws and to interact with all-terrain vehicle operators in the field to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by January 5, 2010 and gives that committee the authority to submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature regarding that report.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 389 requires a law enforcement officer to have a reasonable and articulable suspicion to believe that a violation of law has taken place or is taking place before stopping an all-terrain vehicle.

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LD 340 An Act To Provide Greater Access to ATVs by Lowering the Minimum Operating Age

DIED BETWEEN HOUSES

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

LD 340 lowers the minimum age that a person may operate an ATV unaccompanied by an adult from 16 years of age to 14 years of age.

LD 344 An Act To Allow Smelting on Mud Brook on Long Lake in Aroostook County

PUBLIC 218

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON	OTP-AM	S-129

Current law allows smelting on Mud Brook on Long Lake in Aroostook County until July 1, 2012. LD 344 allows smelting on Mud Brook beyond July 1, 2012. The bill also directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to study the feasibility of allowing smelting on Ouellette Brook and Paulette Brook on Long Lake in Aroostook County.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-129)

This amendment changes the title and removes the requirement that the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife study the feasibility of allowing smelting on Ouellette Brook and Paulette Brook on Long Lake in Aroostook County.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 218 amends the law to allow smelting on Mud Brook beyond July 1, 2012.

LD 398 Resolve, To Develop a Management Plan for the Nonwildlife Components of Swan Island and Little Swan Island in Perkins Township, Sagadahoc County

RESOLVE 35

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GOODALL	OTP-AM	S-66

LD 398 provides for the transfer of control and management responsibilities for state-owned land on Swan Island and Little Swan Island in Perkins Township, Sagadahoc County from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to the Department of Conservation, Bureau of Parks and Lands.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-66)

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This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve and directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Department of Conservation to establish a stakeholder group to evaluate the options available for the management of the nonwildlife components of Swan Island and Little Swan Island. It directs the departments to develop and enter into a memorandum of agreement for the management of the nonwildlife components of the islands based on the recommendations and findings of the stakeholder group. This amendment provides that by February 1, 2010 the departments shall report findings and recommendations of the stakeholder group and provide the departments' memorandum of agreement to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. It authorizes the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature based on that report.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2009, chapter 35 directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Department of Conservation to establish a stakeholder group to evaluate the options available for the management of the nonwildlife components of Swan Island and Little Swan Island. It directs the departments to develop and enter into a memorandum of agreement for the management of the nonwildlife components of the islands based on the recommendations and findings of the stakeholder group. Resolve 2009, chapter 35 provides that by February 1, 2010 the departments shall report findings and recommendations of the stakeholder group and provide the departments' memorandum of agreement to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and authorizes that committee to submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature based on that report.

LD 402 An Act To Maintain and Improve ATV Trail Access

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WHEELER BRYANT B	ONTP	

LD 402 is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. It proposes to amend the current law to improve all-terrain vehicle trail access through landowner relations education for landowners and users and may include a small increase of registration fees to support this educational program.

LD 414 An Act To Improve the Safety of Snowmobile Trails

ONTP

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

LD 414 provides that a person or entity that receives money from the Snowmobile Trail Fund shall ensure that all trail markings and signs on the snowmobile trails maintained by that person or entity comply with guidelines regarding snowmobile trail signs published by the Department of Conservation and that a rope, cord, line, chain or similar material does not cross a snowmobile trail and is not used in any way to create a potential hazard on a snowmobile trail. A person or entity that violates these provisions is subject to a fine of not less than \$100 and not more than \$500 and, if the violation causes death or serious bodily injury, ineligibility to receive funding from the Snowmobile Trail Fund for 3 years.

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LD 415 An Act to Regulate Swim Areas on Inland Waters

PUBLIC 312

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PENDLETON GOOLEY	OTP-AM	H-304

LD 415 prohibits the use of swim line-floats or regulatory markers for the purpose of protecting swimmers by a person other than a governmental entity or commercial campground that has obtained an organized swim area permit issued by the director. It defines "organized swim area" and "water safety zone." LD 415 makes a violation of any rule or notice posted at a public boat launch facility or otherwise published by the Department of Conservation, Bureau of Parks and Lands and the marking of waters contrary to rules of the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands civil violations. LD 415 makes mooring of a watercraft beyond the water safety zone to a buoy, beacon or permanent structure placed by the State; intentionally destroying, defacing, damaging, moving or sinking a buoy, beacon or marking device floating on the waters of the State or permanently fixed to land or structures adjacent to water; and mutilating or destroying a notice at a public facility Class E crimes.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-304)

This amendment replaces the bill and does the following.

1. It provides that a person may not place or maintain a swim line or developed swim area without a permit issued by the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Conservation.
2. It provides that the director may issue a permit for a developed swim area only to a qualified entity and defines "qualified entity" to mean a camping area, recreational camp or governmental entity or governmentally sponsored group.
3. It requires the director to establish by rule a fee for the permits, except that a developed swim area established and operated by the State or a governmental entity or a recreational camp may not be charged a fee and its permit does not expire as long as no alterations to the developed swim area are made after the permit is issued.
4. It expressly states that the provisions of the amendment may not be construed to affect private property rights or the State's ownership rights over inland waters.
5. It provides that a municipally appointed inland harbor master, code enforcement officer or law enforcement officer has the primary responsibility for enforcement of developed swim areas and makes a violation a civil violation for each day a violation occurs. After 3 or more violations within a 5-year period, subsequent violations are Class E crimes.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 312 does the following.

1. It provides that a person may not place or maintain a swim line or developed swim area without a permit issued by the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Conservation.
2. It provides that the director may issue a permit for a developed swim area only to a qualified entity and defines "qualified entity" to mean a camping area, recreational camp or governmental entity or governmentally sponsored group.

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3. It requires the director to establish by rule a fee for the permits, except that a developed swim area established and operated by the State or a governmental entity or a recreational camp may not be charged a fee and its permit does not expire as long as no alterations to the developed swim area are made after the permit is issued.

4. It expressly states that the provisions of this law may not be construed to affect private property rights or the State's ownership rights over inland waters.

5. It provides that a municipally appointed inland harbor master, code enforcement officer or law enforcement officer has the primary responsibility for enforcement of developed swim areas and makes a violation a civil violation for each day a violation occurs. After 3 or more violations within a 5-year period, subsequent violations are Class E crimes.

LD 457 An Act Regarding Nuisance Beaver

ONTP

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

Under current law, a municipality that wishes to remove a nuisance beaver must hire an animal control agent licensed by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to trap the nuisance beaver. LD 457 requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to authorize a municipality to remove nuisance beaver by hunting if the municipality demonstrates that beaver-related activities have repeatedly jeopardized the integrity of a public road.

LD 482 An Act To Limit the Use of Seaplanes on West Harbor Pond

ONTP

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

LD 482 prohibits the use of seaplanes on West Harbor Pond in Boothbay Harbor except for a person who owns property on the pond.

LD 505 Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Amend Its Rules Pertaining to Youth Spring Wild Turkey Hunting Day

ONTP

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

LD 505 requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to amend its rules pertaining to the youth spring wild turkey hunting day so that a youth may hunt on that day without a license or a wild turkey permit.

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LD 510 An Act To Require Reimbursement for Search and Rescue Operations

ONTP

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

LD 510 establishes the Maine Rescue Card program, which insures the holder against costs that may be incurred by the State for search and rescue operations carried out on behalf of the holder. The fee for the card is \$20 annually. This bill also requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to recover the costs directly related to a specific search and rescue operation from the person for whom the search and rescue operation was conducted unless that person either holds a Maine Rescue Card or a valid license or registration for outdoor recreational activities issued by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

LD 525 An Act To Amend the Law Regarding Littering on Public Lands

PUBLIC 424

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WATSON	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-62 S-206

LD 525 expands the authority of a court to order the surrender of any permit or license issued by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife held by a person who violates the litter laws, regardless of whether the littering occurred on lands managed by the department.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-62)

This amendment includes registrations issued by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to the list of licenses and permits the court may suspend for littering violations.

Committee of Conference Amendment "A" (S-206)

This is the Committee of Conference report and it does the following.

1. It incorporates the provisions of Senate Amendment "A" regarding the removal of the court's authority to order the surrender of a hunting or fishing license.
2. It adds language directing the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety to review the State's litter control laws regarding the dumping of waste material or unwanted objects on public and private property without the permission of the landowner.
3. It directs that committee to determine changes needed to the State's litter control laws, in particular the penalty structure, to enhance the effectiveness of those laws in preventing the dumping of waste material or other unwanted objects on public and private property without the permission of the landowner, and to increase the successful prosecution of those responsible for such dumping.
4. It authorizes the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety to submit legislation to the

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Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature regarding this matter.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 424 does the following.

1. It incorporates the provisions of Senate Amendment "A" regarding the removal of the court's authority to order the surrender of a hunting or fishing license.
2. It adds language directing the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety to review the State's litter control laws regarding the dumping of waste material or unwanted objects on public and private property without the permission of the landowner.
3. It directs that committee to determine changes needed to the State's litter control laws, in particular the penalty structure, to enhance the effectiveness of those laws in preventing the dumping of waste material or other unwanted objects on public and private property without the permission of the landowner, and to increase the successful prosecution of those responsible for such dumping.
4. It authorizes the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety to submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature regarding this matter.

LD 577 An Act To Create a Speed Limit on Long Lake and Brandy Pond in Cumberland County

**ACCEPTED ONTP
REPORT**

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

LD 577 establishes speed limits for the operation of watercraft on Long Lake and Brandy Pond in Cumberland County and provides that fine revenues from speeding violations must be used for enforcement operations by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Bureau of Warden Service. The speed limits are repealed December 31, 2012. It also requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters on the effectiveness and feasibility of the speed limits by no later than February 15, 2012.

LD 603 An Act To Create Recreational Access to the Unorganized Territories

ONTP

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

LD 603 is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208 and proposes to require the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to develop a plan to allow all-terrain vehicles access to the unorganized territories.

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LD 626 An Act To Increase Participation in Funding the Activities of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
EBERLE BRYANT B	ONTP	

LD 626 prohibits a person 16 years of age or older from operating a nonmotorized watercraft on inland waters without possessing a hunting, fishing or trapping license or a Wildlife Enthusiast's Conservation Appreciation, Recreation and Enjoyment or WE CARE license. It repeals the current voluntary WE CARE support program. LD 626 sets the fee for the WE CARE license at \$19 annually, and directs that revenues generated from the sale of the license must be deposited in the Maine Endangered and Nongame Wildlife Fund.

LD 627 An Act To Allow a Senior Hunter To Take an Antlerless Deer in Any Zone Designated by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife ACCEPTED ONTP REPORT

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

LD 627 allows a resident of the State who is 70 years of age or older to lawfully take an antlerless deer during the open season on deer.

LD 638 An Act To Exempt Snowmobiles and All-terrain Vehicles Operated at Demonstration Events from the Requirement of a Maine Registration PUBLIC 184

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
THERIAULT JACKSON	OTP-AM	H-234

LD 638 allows a snowmobile owned or under the control of a snowmobile manufacturer to be operated without a Maine registration at a demonstration event organized to occur in this State if such operation is approved by the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-234)

This amendment provides the same exemption from the registration requirement for all-terrain vehicles operated at a demonstration event as is provided for snowmobiles in the bill.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 184 allows a snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle owned or under the control of a snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle manufacturer to be operated without a Maine registration at a demonstration event organized to occur in this State if such operation is approved by the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

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**LD 655 Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To
Conduct a Study To Enhance Maine's Recreational Fishing Economy**

RESOLVE 50

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BERRY SHERMAN	OTP-AM	H-148

LD 655 directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to conduct a study of fishery management and marketing plans and programs in states that are major destinations for the nation's anglers and make recommendations that would expand Maine's recreational fishing economy.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-148)

This amendment authorizes the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to report out legislation based on the report required by LD 655.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2009, chapter 50 directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to conduct a study of fishery management and marketing plans and programs in states that are major destinations for the nation's anglers and develop recommendations that would expand Maine's recreational fishing economy. It directs the commissioner to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife with the findings and recommendations from the study by January 15, 2010 and authorizes that committee to report out legislation based on the department's report.

**LD 656 An Act To Allow Members of the Armed Forces Who Are Not Residents
but Own Property in this State To Obtain Resident Hunting and Fishing
Licenses or Permits**

**ACCEPTED ONTP
REPORT**

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

LD 656 allows a member of the United States Armed Forces who is not a resident of the State but who owns property in the State to purchase a resident fishing, hunting or combination fishing and hunting license or permit.

LD 667 An Act Regarding the Purchase of Fish for Stocking Inland Waters

**ACCEPTED ONTP
REPORT**

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

LD 667 provides that if the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife decides to stock more fish than can be produced by state-owned fish hatcheries in a given year, the commissioner shall purchase the additional fish from a

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privately owned fish hatchery.

**LD 676 An Act To Lower the Cost of State Government in the Departments
under the Purview of the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries
and Wildlife**

**ACCEPTED ONTP
REPORT**

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

LD 676 deappropriates \$63,378 in fiscal year 2009-10 and \$87,584 in fiscal year 2010-11 from the Division of Public Information and Education within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by eliminating a Public Service Manager I position.

**LD 699 Resolve, To Direct the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To
Conduct an Evaluation of Its Sport Fishing Program**

RESOLVE 47

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DUCHESNE TRAHAN	OTP-AM	H-149

LD 699 requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to conduct fisheries management and research initiatives in a manner designed to enhance recreational fishing throughout the State.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-149)

This amendment replaces the resolve and directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to evaluate the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's sport fishing program based on enumerated objectives and to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife regarding that evaluation by January 31, 2010. It also authorizes the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature based on that report.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2009, chapter 47 directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to evaluate the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's sport fishing program based on enumerated objectives and to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife regarding that evaluation by January 31, 2010. It also authorizes the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature based on that report.

LD 714 An Act To Empower Anglers in Fish Stocking Decisions

PUBLIC 216

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PRATT	OTP-AM	H-246

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LD 714 requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to publish notification of any fish stocking and to hold a hearing if the department receives a sufficient number of requests for a hearing.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-246)

This amendment replaces the bill and provides that when the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Bureau of Resource Management plans to stock an inland water for the first time or to stock a new fish species or permanently stop stocking a fish species that is currently being stocked, the department shall notify the public through its website and by e-mail and allow for public comment on the stocking plan prior to implementing that plan. This requirement does not apply to private ponds or fishing programs for children.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 216 provides that when the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Bureau of Resource Management plans to stock an inland water for the first time or to stock a new fish species or permanently stop stocking a fish species that is currently being stocked, the department shall notify the public through its website and by e-mail and allow for public comment on the stocking plan prior to implementing that plan. This requirement does not apply to private ponds or fishing programs for children.

LD 719 An Act To Allow Nonresidents under 14 Years of Age To Fish without a License ONTP

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

LD 719 allows a nonresident under 14 years of age to fish without a license.

LD 720 An Act To Permit the Commercial Harvesting of Illegal and Nuisance Fish Species ONTP

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

LD 720 directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to create an inland waters commercial fishing license that allows the holder to harvest illegally introduced and nuisance fish species from the inland waters of the State for commercial purposes.

LD 751 Resolve, To Transfer the Phillips Fish Hatchery to the Sandy River Land Trust ONTP

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

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LD 751 directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to transfer the Phillips Fish Hatchery in Phillips to the Sandy River Land Trust.

LD 800 *Resolve, To Establish a Landlocked Salmon Enhancement Pilot Project*

ONTP

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

LD 800 directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to develop a landlocked salmon enhancement pilot project designed to allow the harvest of salmon while at the same time protecting and enhancing the wild salmon population, producing trophy fish and determining the maximum attainable age of salmon.

LD 807 *An Act To Improve and Promote Maine's Landlocked Salmon Resources*

Carried Over

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

LD 807 provides that:

1. By no later than July 1, 2014 that no fewer than 75 inland waters containing landlocked salmon will be managed to produce salmon that exceed 4 pounds in weight;
2. By October 1, 2009, the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife will initiate a pilot project to stock Echo Lake and Eagle Lake on Mount Desert Island with only fall fingerling hatchery salmon on an alternate-year basis and the rule-making process to restrict salmon fishing to catch and release on one or more waters where salmon is the primary fishery; and
3. By October 1, 2009, the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife will initiate a 5-year experimental program to enhance landlocked salmon brood stock by taking landlocked salmon eggs from salmon brood stock that is 5 years of age or older and develop a new landlocked salmon brood stock source composed of wild salmon.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 124th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1053.

LD 811 *An Act To Amend Certain Provisions of Fish and Wildlife Laws*

PUBLIC 340

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BRYANT B	OTP-AM	S-168

LD 811 amends the laws governing inland fisheries and wildlife as follows.

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1. It removes reference to the "Bureau of Administrative Services" from statute as most of the functions are now within the natural resource service center within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. The functions that are remaining are licensing, registration and engineering, which are placed within the Division of Licensing, Registration and Engineering.
2. It adds the responsibility for land acquisition to the duties of the Bureau of Resource Management.
3. It clarifies that the newly established apprenticeship hunter license cannot be used by persons selected for moose permits who have never hunted but applied for a permit, and clarifies that persons who have held any type of license, including a junior license, may not purchase the apprenticeship hunter license.
4. It amends the existing law regarding submerged vehicles, snowmobiles and motorboats to enable the State to require the removal of an abandoned barge.
5. It requires a person doing damage to another person's property on a snowmobile to provide upon request the person's registration certificate to the property owner.
6. It makes online registration for ATVs consistent with snowmobiles, allowing a person to operate an ATV with the receipt from registering the ATV online until the person receives the certificate in the mail.
7. It eliminates the need to provide plates for temporary boat and ATV registrations, which is consistent with the law regarding snowmobiles.
8. It increases from \$10 to \$100 the value of items that are exempt from libel proceedings and adds archery equipment to items that are subject to forfeiture if used to commit violations of fish and wildlife laws.
9. It enhances enforcement of noise level limits on snowmobile and all-terrain vehicles that have been modified.
10. It makes the laws regarding placement of blinds, structures and stands consistent, whether temporary or permanent, and for all uses.
11. It increases from \$1 to \$2 the per passenger user fee imposed on outfitters carrying passengers on rapidly flowing rivers.
12. It changes the timeframe for when allocations are required on the West Branch Penobscot River from June 1st to August 31st to July 1st to August 31st.
13. It prohibits the discharging of muzzle-loading firearms or hunting wild birds or wild animals within 100 yards of a building or dwelling.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-168)

This amendment:

1. Provides that the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife may allow authorized anglers who assist in the removal of invasive fish species to sell those fish;
2. Clarifies that the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife may award a cash prize for the winning entry selected in the migratory waterfowl permit design contest;
3. Removes the provisions of the bill regarding the placement of tree stands, blinds or structures on the land or on the ice of inland waters;

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4. Includes the registration of recreational vehicles in the provisions of law regarding a suspended or revoked license or permit;
5. Clarifies that if a person is chosen in the moose hunting lottery, that person may not then purchase an apprentice hunting license to satisfy the licensing requirements to receive the moose permit;
6. Removes the proposed prohibition on hunting within 100 yards of a building;
7. Amends the definition of "building" for purposes of the prohibition against discharging a firearm or crossbow within 100 yards of a building to clarify that it includes a building that is designed to be occupied by people or domesticated animals;
8. Provides that a person may not carry a firearm during the open trapping season for the purpose of dispatching trapped animals if that person is prohibited from possessing a firearm under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 15, section 393 and has not obtained a valid permit to carry a firearm;
9. Clarifies that the holder of a smelt wholesale dealer's license may use a drop net, a lift net or hook and line to take up to 8 quarts of smelts through man-made openings in the ice while fishing on the ice;
10. Removes the provision of the bill that increases the whitewater rafting user fee by \$1 per person; and
11. Clarifies that the operator of a snowmobile involved in an accident that results in property damage must provide certain information to the property owner if that property owner can be identified.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 340:

1. Removes reference to the "Bureau of Administrative Services" from statute as most of the functions are now within the natural resource service center within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. The functions that are remaining are licensing, registration and engineering, which are placed within the Division of Licensing, Registration and Engineering;
2. Adds the responsibility for land acquisition to the duties of the Bureau of Resource Management;
3. Clarifies that if a person is chosen in the moose hunting lottery, that person may not then purchase an apprentice hunting license to satisfy the licensing requirements to receive the moose permit;
4. Clarifies that persons who have held any type of license, including a junior license, may not purchase the apprenticeship hunter license;
5. Amends the existing law regarding submerged vehicles, snowmobiles and motorboats to enable the State to require the removal of an abandoned barge;
6. Provides that the operator of a snowmobile involved in an accident that results in property damage must provide certain information to the property owner if that property owner can be identified;
7. Makes online registration for ATVs consistent with snowmobiles, allowing a person to operate an ATV with the receipt from registering the ATV online until the person receives the certificate in the mail;
8. Eliminates the need to provide plates for temporary boat and ATV registrations, which is consistent with the law regarding snowmobiles;

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9. Increases from \$10 to \$100 the value of items that are exempt from libel proceedings. It also adds archery equipment to items that are subject to forfeiture if used to commit violations of fish and wildlife laws;
10. Enhances enforcement of noise level limits on snowmobile and all-terrain vehicles that have been modified;
11. Changes the timeframe for when allocations are required on the West Branch Penobscot River from June 1st to August 31st to July 1st to August 31st;
12. Provides that the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife may allow authorized anglers who assist in the removal of invasive fish species to sell those fish;
13. Clarifies that the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife may award a cash prize for the winning entry selected in the migratory waterfowl permit design contest;
14. Includes the registration of recreational vehicles in the provisions of law regarding a suspended or revoked license or permit;
15. Amends the definition of "building" for purposes of the prohibition against discharging a firearm or crossbow within 100 yards of a building to clarify that it includes a building that is designed to be occupied by people or domesticated animals;
16. Provides that a person may not carry a firearm during the open trapping season for the purpose of dispatching trapped animals if that person is prohibited from possessing a firearm under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 15, section 393 and has not obtained a valid permit to carry a firearm; and
17. Clarifies that the holder of a smelt wholesale dealer's license may use a drop net, a lift net or hook and line to take up to 8 quarts of smelts through man-made openings in the ice while fishing on the ice.

LD 822 An Act To Expand Turkey Hunting Opportunities

ONTP

Sponsor(s)

PIOTTI

Committee Report

ONTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 822 amends the wild turkey hunting laws as follows.

1. It requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to establish and set the bag limit for the fall and spring seasons at 2 wild turkeys per permit holder per season.
2. It requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to issue upon application a complimentary wild turkey hunting permit to a person holding a valid junior hunting license.
3. It exempts a wild turkey harvested by a junior hunter during a youth wild turkey hunting day from bag limits.
4. It eliminates the current \$20 resident and \$47 nonresident wild turkey hunting permit fees and creates a single \$25 wild turkey hunting permit fee for both residents and nonresidents.
5. It sets the wild turkey hunting hours between 1/2 hour before sunrise and 1/2 hour after sunset.
6. It directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to adopt a registration system that allows a hunter to

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register a harvested wild turkey by telephone or over the Internet.

LD 823 An Act To Increase Snowmobile Registration Fees

PUBLIC 226

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CLARK H	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-245

LD 823 amends the snowmobile registration laws to:

1. Establish a snowmobile nontrail registration for anglers, trappers and other snowmobilers who do not use a snowmobile trail that is funded in whole or in part by the Snowmobile Trail Fund;
2. Increase the snowmobile registration fee for a resident from \$35 to \$50;
3. Repeal the 10-day nonresident registration option; and
4. Make it a civil violation for a person to operate a snowmobile on a snowmobile trail that is funded in whole or in part by the Snowmobile Trail Fund if the person does not have a groomed trail system snowmobile registration and sets a fine of \$200 for that violation.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-245)

This amendment replaces the bill and increases the resident snowmobile registration fee by \$5 and dedicates that amount to the Snowmobile Trail Fund of the Department of Conservation, Bureau of Parks and Lands.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 226 increases the resident snowmobile registration fee by \$5 and dedicates that amount to the Snowmobile Trail Fund of the Department of Conservation, Bureau of Parks and Lands.

LD 824 An Act To Allow Authorized Agents to Process Moose Hunting Lottery Applications and Antlerless Deer Permit Applications

PUBLIC 186
EMERGENCY

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GIFFORD	OTP-AM	H-235

LD 824 establishes a moose permit lottery only for residents who have applied for a permit for at least the 3 prior consecutive years and who have never been issued a moose permit.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-235)

This amendment replaces the bill and allows municipal clerks or other agents appointed by the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to process moose lottery applications and antlerless deer permit applications and to charge a \$2 agent fee for applications processed by the clerk or agent. It also adds an emergency preamble and an emergency clause.

Enacted Law Summary

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Public Law 2009, chapter 186 allows municipal clerks or other agents appointed by the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to process moose lottery applications and antlerless deer permit applications and to charge a \$2 agent fee for applications processed by the clerk or agent.

Public Law 2009, chapter 186 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 21, 2009.

LD 925 An Act To Allow Youth To Fish for Smelt on Worthley Pond

DIED BETWEEN
HOUSES

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

LD 925 allows smelt fishing by a person under 17 years of age on Worthley Pond in the Town of Peru in Oxford County.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-157)

This amendment replaces the bill. It provides that a person may not fish for smelt in Worthley Pond within the Town of Peru, Oxford County but does authorize a person who has not attained 17 years of age to fish in that pond with a dip net. It sets a 2-quart daily bag limit and makes violating that limit a Class C crime. The amendment also prohibits smelting in Worthley Pond for commercial purposes, makes smelting in Worthley Pond for commercial purposes a Class D crime and imposes a fine of not less than \$1,000 for violating that prohibition.

Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-299)

This amendment changes the maximum age from 17 years to 16 years of a person authorized to fish for smelt on Worthley Pond.

LD 926 An Act To Allow Smelt Fishing in Metallak Brook, Upper Richardson Lake

DIED BETWEEN
HOUSES

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

LD 926 allows smelting on Metallak Brook, a tributary of Upper Richardson Lake in Oxford County.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-158)

This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve allowing smelting on Metallak Brook for the 2010 smelting season only.

Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-245)

This amendment allows smelting on Metallak Brook during the 2010 to 2014 smelting seasons and delays the repeal date from January 1, 2011 to January 1, 2015.

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LD 927 An Act To Establish and Enhance Populations of Large Landlocked Salmon in Certain Inland Waters ONTP

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

LD 927 directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to manage certain inland waters primarily for landlocked salmon and provides bag limits and length restrictions for landlocked salmon in those waters.

LD 929 Resolve, Regarding the Classification of Wildlife Management District 2 RESOLVE 121

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	S-140 S-238 BRYANT B

LD 929 amends the provision that authorizes the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to establish the length of the moose hunting season by establishing a 3-week minimum moose hunting season while retaining the authority of the commissioner to determine the timing of those 3 weeks. It also requires that the moose hunting permit type allocation parameters for Wildlife Management District 2 match the permit type allocation parameters that were in effect for Wildlife Management District 3 in the 2008 moose hunt.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-140)

This amendment replaces the bill and provides that the moose hunting season may be no less than 3 weeks long. It also provides that Wildlife Management District 2 must be the same classification as Wildlife Management District 3 for purposes of moose hunting.

Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-238)

This amendment replaces the committee amendment and provides that Wildlife Management District 2 must be the same classification as Wildlife Management District 3 for purposes of moose hunting.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2009, chapter 121 provides that Wildlife Management District 2 must be the same classification as Wildlife Management District 3 for purposes of moose hunting.

LD 930 Resolve, To Complete an All-terrain Vehicle Trail through Pittston Farm ONTP

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

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LD 930 requires the Department of Conservation, through the Land for Maine's Future Fund, to acquire a sufficient right-of-way to create an all-terrain vehicle trail that enters and leaves Pittston Farm in Rockwood, Maine, using eminent domain if necessary.

LD 942 An Act To Allow Hunting on Sundays on Certain Land

**ACCEPTED ONTP
REPORT**

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

LD 942 allows the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to authorize a private landowner to open that property on Sunday to hunters who have permits to hunt on Sunday. It provides that the hunter must have obtained written permission from the landowner, which must be kept on the person while hunting and that the fee for a Sunday hunting permit is \$25.

LD 1031 An Act To Protect Moose Populations and Hunting Opportunities

**ACCEPTED ONTP
REPORT**

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

LD 1031 establishes the Moose Fund in the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to be used to fund or assist in funding research relating to moose. It provides that five percent of the money raised from the public chance drawing for moose hunting permits must be deposited in the fund and used to develop and maintain an accurate estimate of the moose population. LD 1031 also provides that ten percent of the money raised from the public chance drawing for moose hunting permits must be deposited in the fund and used for general research relating to moose, including, but not limited to, the health of the moose herd.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-196)

This amendment is the minority report and increases the moose hunting permit application fees by approximately 15% to cover the amount of money to be directed into the Moose Fund from those fees.

**LD 1099 Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To
Conduct a Study To Identify All Publicly Owned Inland and Coastal
Water Access Sites**

ONTP

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

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LD 1099 requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to contract with outside experts to conduct a study of all publicly owned inland and coastal water access sites, including walk-in and watercraft launching sites, to create a map of all sites and to identify the public's access opportunities and rights at each site.

LD 1135 *Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Examine the Establishment of a Wildlife Sanctuary on Blue Hill Bay*

ONTP

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

LD 1135 establishes a study commission to examine establishing in Hancock County a wildlife sanctuary in a tidal area that has ocean frontage on Blue Hill Bay.

LD 1204 *Resolve, To Develop a Watercraft Safety Education Plan*

RESOLVE 76

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WATSON PERRY J	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-274

LD 1204 requires demonstration of successful completion of an approved course in boating safety for all youth noncommercial motorboat users born after January 1, 1992. It authorizes the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to issue temporary boating safety certificates that are valid for 90 days with the issuance of the identification number and validation stickers. LD 1204 requires that a person born after January 1, 1992 must present evidence of completion of a boating safety course if requested by a law enforcement officer. It also requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Commissioner of Marine Resources to jointly adopt rules to implement the bill and makes violating the boating safety requirements a civil violation. This bill also directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Commissioner of Marine Resources to implement a recreational boating safety education program.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-274)

This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to develop a watercraft safety education plan in consultation with stakeholders and interested parties to provide watercraft operators with a basic understanding about the safe operation of watercraft. It also provides that the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife must report its watercraft safety education plan and any findings and recommendations with draft implementing legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by no later than January 5, 2010. This amendment gives that committee the authority to report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature regarding the report.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2009, chapter 76 replaces the bill with a resolve directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to develop a watercraft safety education plan in consultation with stakeholders and interested parties to provide watercraft operators with a basic understanding about the safe operation of watercraft. It also provides that the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife must report its watercraft safety education plan and any findings and recommendations with draft implementing legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by no later than January 5, 2010 and gives that committee the authority to report out legislation to the

Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature regarding the report.

LD 1237 An Act To Modify Maine's Fishway Laws

ONTP

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

LD 1237 includes the Commissioner of Marine Resources with the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife in the laws governing fishways in dams, including a decision whether to initiate a fishway proceeding to consider the construction, repair or alteration of fishways in existing dams or other artificial obstructions and in a decision as to what action, if any, to order as a result of such a proceeding. It also allows 10 or more citizens of this State to petition the commissioners to initiate a fishway proceeding and sets forth conditions whereby the commissioners must order action as the result of a fishway proceeding.

LD 1246 An Act To Promote Youth Hunting License Sales

PUBLIC 404

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HARVELL SIMPSON	OTP-AM	H-276 S-191 BRYANT B

LD 1246 allows the purchase of a lifetime resident license for a nonresident 15 years of age or younger.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-276)

This amendment replaces the bill and allows nonresidents to purchase lifetime licenses issued by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. It also directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to report on the administration and sale of lifetime licenses to nonresidents to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters by January 5, 2011.

Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-191)

This amendment changes the fee for a lifetime nonresident infant combination license from \$800 in Committee Amendment "A" to \$1,200.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 404 allows nonresidents to purchase lifetime licenses issued by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to report on the administration and sale of lifetime licenses to nonresidents to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters by January 5, 2011.

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LD 1301 An Act To Require Snowmobile Safety Training

ONTP

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

LD 1301 imposes restrictions on the operation of snowmobiles similar to restrictions on the operation of all-terrain vehicles for people 10 years of age or older and under 16 years of age.

LD 1371 An Act To Restore Game Sanctuary Status for Certain Lands in the Town of Orrington

PUBLIC 269

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ROSEN K DAMON	OTP	

LD 1371 restores game sanctuary status for certain lands in the Town of Orrington that was removed by Public Law 2009, chapter 4.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 269 restores game sanctuary status for certain lands in the Town of Orrington that was removed by Public Law 2009, chapter 4.

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