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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON INLAND FISHERIES
AND WILDLIFE**

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Summary of Committee Actions

I. BILLS AND PAPERS CONSIDERED	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Activity</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills referred to Committee			
<i>Bills referred and voted out</i>	74	94.9%	3.8%
<u><i>Bills Carried Over</i></u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5.1%</u>	<u>0.2%</u>
Total Bills referred	78	100.0%	4.0%
B. Bills reported out by law or joint order			
	0	0.0%	0.0%
Total Bills considered by Committee	78	100.0%	4.0%
Orders and Resolutions referred to Committee			
<i>Joint Study Orders referred and voted out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions referred and voted out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Orders and Resolutions Carried Over</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Orders and Resolutions Referred	0	0.0%	0.0%
II. COMMITTEE REPORTS	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of this Committee's Reports</u>	<u>% of All Committee Reports</u>
A. Unanimous committee reports			
<i>Ought to Pass</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Ought to Pass as Amended</i>	20	27.0%	1.1%
<i>Ought to Pass as New Draft</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<u><i>Ought Not to Pass</i></u>	<u>33</u>	<u>44.6%</u>	<u>1.9%</u>
Total unanimous reports	53	71.6%	3.0%
B. Divided committee reports			
<i>Two-way reports</i>	21	28.4%	1.2%
<i>Three-way reports</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<u><i>Four-way reports</i></u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total divided reports	21	28.4%	1.2%
Total committee reports	74	94.9%	4.2%
III. CONFIRMATION HEARINGS	2	N/A	N/A
IV. FINAL DISPOSITION	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Bills/Papers</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills and Papers enacted or finally passed			
<i>Joint Study Orders</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Public laws</i>	23	29.5%	1.2%
<i>Private and Special Laws</i>	1	1.3%	0.1%
<i>Resolves</i>	4	5.1%	0.2%
<u><i>Constitutional Resolutions</i></u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Enacted or Finally Passed	28	35.9%	1.5%
B. Resolves to authorize major substantive rules			
Rules authorized without legislative changes	0	0.0%	0.0%
Rules authorized with legislative changes	0	0.0%	0.0%
<u>Rules not authorized by the Legislature</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total number of rules reviewed	0	0.0%	0.0%
C. Bills vetoed or held by Governor			
<i>Vetoed over-ridden</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Vetoed sustained</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<u><i>Held by the Governor</i></u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total	0	0.0%	0.0%

Note: A committee vote on a bill is not included here if the bill was subsequently re-referred to another committee or recommitted and carried over.

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LD 11 An Act To Create a 10-chance Moose Hunting Permit Application for Residents

DIED BETWEEN HOUSES

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

LD 11 creates a 10-chance application for moose hunting permits for residents and allows a resident to purchase multiple 10-chance applications.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-185)

This committee amendment limits the number of 10-chance moose hunting permit applications a resident may purchase to one instead of unlimited.

LD 15 An Act Imposing a Horsepower Restriction for Boat Motors on Muddy Pond

ONTP

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

LD 15 prohibits the operation of a motorboat equipped with a motor greater than 25 horsepower on Muddy Pond in the Town of Damariscotta in Lincoln County.

LD 51 An Act To Provide Native Americans with Lifelong Licenses and Permits to Hunt, Fish and Trap

PUBLIC 195

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SOCTOMAH RAYE	OTP-AM	H-228

LD 51 provides a lifetime tribal license for hunting, trapping and fishing to certified members of Maine's recognized Indian tribes.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-228)

This committee amendment replaces the bill and amends the law regarding complimentary licenses for Native Americans to provide that these licenses are valid for the life of the Native American and include all permits, stamps and other permissions that may be needed to hunt, fish and trap in the State. These complementary licenses are subject to any lottery or drawing system used for issuing a license or permit such as the lottery system for moose hunting permits.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 195 provides that complimentary licenses for Native Americans are valid for the life of the Native American and include all permits, stamps and other permissions needed to hunt, fish and trap in the State subject to any lottery or drawing system used to issue a license or permit such as the lottery system for moose hunting permits.

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LD 98 An Act To Require Alien Big Game Hunters To Be Accompanied by a Guide

PUBLIC 454

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
THERIAULT MARTIN	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-159 S-367 ROTUNDO

LD 98 makes it illegal for a person who is not a citizen of the United States to hunt big game without being accompanied by a licensed guide.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-159)

This committee amendment replaces the bill and requires a person who is not a citizen of the United States to be accompanied by a licensed guide if that person wants to hunt moose, deer or bear.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-367)

This Senate amendment authorizes the transfer of \$41,216 in each of fiscal years 2007-08 and 2008-09 from the Carrying Balances, General Fund account within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.

Enacted Law Summary

Public 2007, chapter 454 requires a person who is not a citizen of the United States to be accompanied by a licensed guide if that person wants to hunt moose, deer or bear.

LD 99 An Act To Allow an All-terrain Vehicle To Operate on Snow without Being Registered as a Snowmobile

ACCEPTED ONTP REPORT

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

LD 99 provides that a registered ATV that has been converted to operate on snow is not required to also be registered as a snowmobile.

LD 116 An Act To Adjust Fees for Certain Resident and Nonresident Licenses, Registrations and Permits Issued by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SIROIS SNOWE-MELLO	ONTP	

LD 116 adjusts certain fees charged by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. It increases certain nonresident license, permit and registration fees by approximately 20% and reduces the resident hunting license and the resident combination hunting and fishing license by \$3 each.

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LD 117 An Act To Prohibit Hunting at Range Ponds State Park ONTP

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

LD 117 prohibits hunting in Range Ponds State Park.

LD 126 Resolve, To Increase Public Access to Glazier Lake ONTP

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

LD 126 directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to negotiate with a private owner of land that has access to Connors Cove on Glazier Lake in Aroostook County for public access to Glazier Lake.

**LD 152 An Act To Restrict the Use of Personal Watercraft on Crescent Lake
and Tenney River in Raymond BY REQUEST ONTP**

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

LD 152 prohibits the use of personal watercraft on Crescent Lake and Tenney River in Raymond.

**LD 153 An Act To Improve the Control and Prevention of Invasive Plant
Species PUBLIC 44**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
EBERLE	OTP-AM	H-28

LD 153 incorporates the existing lake and river protection sticker fee for Maine registered boats, \$10, with the watercraft registration fee. This eliminates the need for producing and administering a lake and river protection sticker for Maine-registered watercraft. It also revises the watercraft registration fee structure to include the \$10 lake and river protection fee for watercraft operating on inland waters of the State. LD 153 provides that only watercraft registered outside Maine must continue to display a separate lake and river protection sticker.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-28)

This committee amendment clarifies that the current lake and river protection sticker requirement still applies to nonresidents.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 44 incorporates the existing lake and river protection sticker and fee structure for Maine-registered boats with the watercraft registration eliminating the need to produce and administer a

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separate lake and river protection sticker for watercraft registered in Maine. Watercraft registered outside of Maine will still be required to display the separate lake and river protection sticker when operating in the inland waters of the state.

LD 162 An Act To Require the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Track All Stocking and Transfers of Fish ONTP

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

LD 162 requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to track and record all stocking and transfers of fish in inland waters and to make that information publicly available.

LD 163 An Act To Prohibit the Use of Blackchin Shiners as Baitfish PUBLIC 159

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WATSON	OTP-AM MAJ OTP MIN	H-66

LD 163 prohibits the use of the eastern silvery minnow, the emerald shiner, the spottail shiner and the blackchin shiner as bait fish in inland waters of the state.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-66)

This committee amendment prohibits only the use of blackchin shiners as baitfish in inland waters.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 159 prohibits the use of blackchin shiners as baitfish in the inland waters of the state.

LD 164 An Act To Require the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Fin-clip All Stocked Fish ONTP

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

LD 164 requires that all fish stocked by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife in the inland waters be fin-clipped prior to release.

LD 165 An Act To Designate the Arctic Charr as a State Heritage Fish PUBLIC 21

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WATSON	OTP-AM	H-14

LD 165 establishes *Salvelinus alpinus oquassa*, a distinct subspecies of the arctic charr known in Maine as the blueback charr, as a state heritage fish. It also requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to adopt by rule a list of all state heritage fish waters and requirements.

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Committee Amendment "A" (H-14)

This committee amendment provides that each fish listed as a state heritage fish has a list of state heritage fish waters specific to that fish. It also clarifies that a person may not use in or possess on a state heritage fish water live fish as bait.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 21 establishes *Salvelinus alpinus oquassa*, a distinct subspecies of the arctic charr known in Maine as the blueback charr, as a state heritage fish. It requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to adopt by rule a list of all arctic charr waters and prohibits a person from possessing or using live fish as bait in or on state heritage fish waters.

LD 166 An Act To Require the Standardization of Fishing Rules

ONTP

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

LD 166 requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to adopt a coding system for the department's annual fishing regulations abstract that assigns codes for all fishing regulations.

LD 167 An Act To Allow Military Personnel Stationed in Maine To Register All-terrain Vehicles As Residents

PUBLIC 70

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LANSLEY	OTP-AM	H-58

LD 167 allows a member of the Armed Forces of the United States who is permanently stationed at a military or naval post, station or base in Maine or the spouse or child of that member to register an ATV in Maine at the cost of a resident registration. The registration fees attributable to such a registration are allocated to the municipality in which the military or naval post, station or base is located.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-58)

This committee amendment adds clarifying language to the bill and removes the requirement that ATV registration fees be allocated to the municipality in which the post, station or base is located.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 70 allows a member of the Armed Forces of the United States who is permanently stationed at a military or naval post, station or base in Maine or the spouse or child of that member to register an ATV in Maine at the cost of a resident registration.

LD 175 An Act To Fund Youth Conservation Education

PUBLIC 161
EMERGENCY

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RAYE	OTP-AM	S-61 S-79 BRYANT B

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LD 175 raises the number of moose permits auctioned by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife from 5 to 10 permits and states that the purpose of the auction is to benefit conservation education for youth. It provides the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife the option of not issuing permits to bidders if the bids present a financial return insufficient to reflect the public value of the permits. It also provides that unissued permits are to be drawn in the public chance drawing.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-61)

This committee amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill, removes language that would restrict the current use of funds raised by the auction of moose hunting permits and makes the bill effective upon approval.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-79)

This amendment provides the appropriations and allocations section that was inadvertently omitted from the committee amendment.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 161 raises the number of moose permits auctioned by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife from 5 to 10 permits and gives the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife the option of not issuing permits to bidders if the bids present a financial return insufficient to reflect the public value of the permits.

Public Law 2007, chapter 161 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 23, 2007.

LD 197 An Act To Prevent the Domestication of Wild Turkey and Deer

ONTP

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

LD 197 prohibits a person from feeding a wild turkey or deer.

LD 250 An Act To Change Snowmobile Registration Requirements

PUBLIC 165

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

LD 250 streamlines snowmobile registration by eliminating the current use of permanent registration numbers.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-70)

This committee amendment strikes all the provisions of the bill except the language that removes the requirement that resident-owned snowmobile registration numbers remain with the snowmobile until that snowmobile is destroyed, abandoned or permanently removed from the state.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 165 removes the requirement that resident-owned snowmobile registration numbers remain with the snowmobile until that snowmobile is destroyed, abandoned or permanently removed from the state.

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LD 251 An Act To Authorize the Bureau of Warden Service To Provide Assistance to Other Entities

PUBLIC 20

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BRYANT B	OTP-AM	S-8

LD 251 authorizes the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Bureau of Warden Service, with approval of the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, to provide assistance to other entities, including county and state agencies, municipalities and private organizations, and persons. The bill allows the director of the Bureau of Warden Service to charge the entities or individuals for these services. LD 251 requires the Bureau of Warden Service to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters no later than January 15th of each year concerning the assistance provided to other entities and persons during the previous calendar year. It provides that the report must contain information about the types of services provided, the number of services and the fees charged by the director of the Bureau of Warden Service.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-8)

This committee amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 20 authorizes the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Bureau of Warden Service, with approval of the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, to provide assistance to other entities, including county and state agencies, municipalities and private organizations, and persons. It authorizes the Director of the Bureau of Warden Service to charge the entities or individuals for these services. Public Law 2007, chapter 20 requires the Bureau of Warden Service to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters no later than January 15th of each year concerning the assistance provided to other entities and persons during the previous calendar year. It provides that the report must contain information about the types of services provided, the number of services and the fees charged by the director of the Bureau of Warden Service.

LD 252 An Act To Establish Emergency Response to Illegal Introductions of Invasive Fish Species

PUBLIC 73

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BRYANT B	OTP-AM	S-38

LD 252 allows the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, when an illegal introduction of invasive fish species has occurred, to authorize licensed anglers to assist in the taking and destruction of that invasive fish species.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-38)

This committee amendment authorizes the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to use methods that would otherwise be prohibited by law or rule to take fish that have been illegally introduced.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 73 provides that the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, when an illegal introduction of invasive fish species has occurred, may authorize licensed anglers to assist in the taking and destruction of that invasive fish species using methods that may otherwise be prohibited by law or rule.

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LD 274 An Act To Promote Mandatory Assignments and Training for Assistant Game Wardens

PUBLIC 421

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

LD 274 authorizes the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Bureau of Warden Service to compensate assistant game wardens for mandatory assignments and their attendance at mandatory training, classes or meetings and reimburse assistant game wardens for approved expenses.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-15)

This committee amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section to the bill.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 421 authorizes the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Bureau of Warden Service to compensate assistant game wardens for mandatory assignments and their attendance at mandatory training, classes or meetings and reimburse assistant game wardens for approved expenses.

LD 284 An Act To Permit Archery Hunters the Opportunity To Take an Additional Deer

ACCEPTED ONTP REPORT

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

LD 284 allows a person who takes a deer with a bow and arrow during the special archery season to take one additional deer with a firearm during the regular firearm deer hunting season.

LD 285 An Act To Designate Additional Wild Trout Waters for Recognition and Protection

ONTP

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

LD 285 directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to create and maintain a list of secondary brook trout waters that have not been stocked in at least 20 years with the same restrictions as the law requires for native brook trout waters.

LD 307 An Act To Enhance Land Use Opportunities for Landowners

ACCEPTED ONTP REPORT

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

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LD 307 allows landowners to hunt on Sunday on their own land if they own 20 or more acres and the land is open to hunting by the public. It requires a participating landowner to register with the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

LD 347 An Act To Improve Landowner Relations

**ACCEPTED ONTP
REPORT**

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

LD 347 adds the coordination of landowner relations activities to the list of responsibilities of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Bureau of Warden Service. It also authorizes the bureau to request the assistance from other agencies with respect to these activities.

LD 356 An Act Concerning Certain Hunting License Fees and Antlerless Deer Permits

ONTP

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

LD 356 provides complimentary hunting licenses and permits to residents 65 years of age or older and honorably discharged veterans if they have purchased a Maine hunting license for at least 10 years. It provides that a person who applied for but did not receive an antlerless deer permit through the lottery system may purchase an antlerless deer permit that was not otherwise allocated through the lottery system for a fee of \$100. This bill also lowers the fee for a junior resident hunting license from \$7 to \$5 if a person under 16 years of age purchases the license at the same time that person's parent or guardian purchases a hunting license. It also removes antiquated language regarding complimentary licenses for residents over 70 years of age.

LD 366 An Act To Make Additions and Deletions to the List of State Endangered and Threatened Species

PUBLIC 166

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BRYANT M	OTP-AM	H-59 S-51 BRYANT B

The Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 12803 requires that prior to recommending additions, deletions or other changes to the list of endangered and threatened species, the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall provide for public notice and public hearings on the proposed recommendations to the Legislature. LD 366 contains the recommended additions, amendments and deletions to that list.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-59)

This committee amendment amends the bill by making technical changes to certain scientific names.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-51)

This amendment corrects a spelling error.

Enacted Law Summary

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Public Law 2007, chapter 166 amends the list of state endangered and threatened species by adding 14 species, removing 1 species, down-listing 1 species, updating the names of 4 species and adding the qualifier “breeding population only” to 2 species already on the list.

LD 379 An Act To Expand the Fall Wild Turkey Hunting Season

ONTP

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

LD 379 requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to expand the fall wild turkey hunting season.

LD 421 An Act To Improve Deer Management and Hunting

ONTP

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

LD 421 allows a person who holds an antlerless deer permit to take a second deer, which is an antlerless deer, during an open, special, archery or muzzle-loading season. It also requires a \$10 fee to be charged for an antlerless deer permit, which must be credited to the Antlerless Deer Fund to staff and administer a landowners relations program.

LD 455 An Act To Protect the All-terrain Vehicle Trail System

PUBLIC 202

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON	OTP-AM	H-291

LD 455 is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

LD 455 proposes to clarify the definition of an all-terrain vehicle in the statutes and further proposes to enact restrictions on the use of all-terrain vehicle trails, including limiting truck use on the trails designed for all-terrain vehicle use.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-291)

This committee amendment prohibits a truck, pickup truck or passenger vehicle from operating on a designated all-terrain vehicle trail that is not on a gravel road system unless that use has been authorized by the landowner or the landowner's agent or it is necessitated by an emergency involving the safety of a person or property.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 202 prohibits a truck, pickup truck or passenger vehicle from operating on a designated all-terrain vehicle trail that is not on a gravel road system unless that use has been authorized by the landowner or the landowner's agent or it is necessitated by an emergency involving the safety of a person or property.

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**LD 485 An Act To Provide Free Turkey Hunting Permits to Maine Residents 80
Years of Age or Older**

ONTP

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

LD 485 allows a resident 80 years of age or older to obtain a complimentary turkey hunting permit.

LD 486 An Act To Establish an Apprenticeship Hunter License Program

PUBLIC 203

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RICHARDSON W	OTP-AM	H-238

LD 486 creates an apprenticeship hunter license, patterned after the junior hunting license, which allows a person without a hunting license to hunt under the supervision of a person who holds a valid hunting license or has passed a qualified hunter safety course.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-238)

This committee amendment modifies the apprenticeship hunter license restriction provisions of the bill to:

1. Remove provisions that allow a person who does not hold a Maine hunting license but has passed a hunter safety course to serve as a supervisor to an apprentice hunter;
2. Increase the fine for a person hunting under an apprenticeship hunter license without being in the presence of a supervisor from a fine of not less than \$100 and not more than \$500 to a fine of not less than \$500 and not more than \$1,000;
3. Provide that a supervisor must have held a hunting license for the prior 5 years to be eligible to be a supervisor and that the supervisor is responsible for ensuring that the apprentice hunter follows safe hunting protocol and hunting laws;
4. Provide that a supervisor may not intentionally permit a person hunting under an apprenticeship hunter license with that supervisor to hunt outside of that supervisor's presence and make a violation of that requirement a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$500 must be imposed;
5. Provide that a person is eligible to hold an apprenticeship hunter license only once and that the license expires on December 31st;
6. Provide that a resident and a nonresident big game apprenticeship hunter license each includes a bear hunting permit and a wild turkey hunting permit and that the resident license costs \$21 and the nonresident license costs \$102; and
7. Provide for a nonresident small game apprenticeship hunter license for \$67.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 203 creates resident and nonresident apprenticeship hunter license, patterned after the

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junior hunting license, which allows a person without a hunting license to hunt under the supervision of a person who holds a valid hunting license. A person is eligible to hold an apprenticeship hunter license only once and the license includes a bear hunting permit and a wild turkey hunting permit. To be eligible to be a supervisor, a person must hold a valid hunting license and must have held a hunting license for the prior 5 years. Public Law 2007, chapter 203 also provides that the supervisor is responsible for ensuring that the apprentice hunter follows safe hunting protocol and hunting laws and provides penalties for a supervisor that intentionally permits a person hunting under an apprenticeship hunter license with that supervisor to hunt outside of that supervisor's presence.

LD 503 An Act Regarding the Authority of the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Issue Licenses to Beagle Clubs To Trap Snowshoe Hares

**PUBLIC 45
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAMPBELL	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-35

LD 503 authorizes the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to issue a permit to a beagle club to take live snowshoe hares for use by that beagle club.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-35)

This committee amendment rewords the bill to conform to the standard language for prohibited acts under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, Part 13. It also provides civil penalties for violations regarding the trapping of snowshoe hares by beagle clubs.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 45, authorizes the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to issue a permit to a beagle club to take live snowshoe hares for use by that beagle club.

Public Law 2007, chapter 503 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 12, 2007.

LD 504 An Act To Require the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Reserve 250 Moose Permits for Residents Who Have Never Received One

ONTP

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

LD 504 requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to reserve 250 moose permits for resident applicants who have never issued a moose permit.

LD 539 An Act To Ban Personal Watercraft on East Carry Pond, Middle Carry Pond and West Carry Pond

**ACCEPTED ONTP
REPORT**

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

LD 539 prohibits the operation of personal watercraft on East Carry Pond, Middle Carry Pond and West Carry Pond in Carrying Place Township, T2 R3 BKP WKR in Somerset County.

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LD 571 An Act To Protect Beef Producers

ONTP

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

LD 571 allows a person to take or kill moose that are damaging property where cattle are kept or worrying the cattle on that property.

LD 579 Resolve, To Extend Fall Fishing Opportunities

**ACCEPTED ONTP
REPORT**

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

LD 579 directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to adopt rules to establish a catch-and-release season in October and November for all stocked moving waters of the State.

LD 605 An Act To Eliminate the Super Pack Hunting License

PUBLIC 163

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MARRACHE	OTP-AM	S-86

LD 605 repeals the super pack hunting license.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-86)

This committee amendment replaces the bill and does the following:

1. Changes the title of the bill to "An Act to Improve the Super Pack License:"
2. It makes a technical change by changing the name of the "archery-only" deer hunting season to the "regular archery-only" deer hunting season for the purpose of clarity;
3. It clarifies what licenses and permits are included in the super pack license;
4. It clarifies that a license or permit contained in the super pack license is not valid unless the holder of the super pack license has met the eligibility requirements for that specific license or permit; however, a person may be issued a super pack license without meeting the specific requirements of an individual license or permit contained in the super pack license;
5. It allows the holder of a super pack license to take up to 5 deer annually: one deer during either the regular open firearm season or the regular archery-only season or the special muzzle-loading season; one deer under an antlerless deer permit; and 3 more deer during the special archery season in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 11402, subsection 4; and

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6. Provides an effective date of January 1, 2008.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 163 does the following:

1. It makes a technical change by changing the name of the "archery-only" deer hunting season to the "regular archery-only" deer hunting season for the purpose of clarity;
2. It clarifies what licenses and permits are included in the super pack license;
3. It clarifies that a license or permit contained in the super pack license is not valid unless the holder of the super pack license has met the eligibility requirements for that specific license or permit; however, a person may be issued a super pack license without meeting the specific requirements of an individual license or permit contained in the super pack license; and
4. It allows the holder of a super pack license to take up to 5 deer annually: one deer during either the regular open firearm season or the regular archery-only season or the special muzzle-loading season; one deer under an antlerless deer permit; and 3 more deer during the special archery season in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 11402, subsection 4.

LD 616 An Act To Allow the Transfer of an Antlerless Deer Permit to a Child with a Disability

ONTP

Sponsor(s)

ANNIS

Committee Report

ONTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 616 allows a person who holds a valid antlerless deer permit to transfer that permit to a child with a disability as long as the child has successfully completed a hunter safety course.

LD 617 An Act To Promote Moose Hunting

ONTP

Sponsor(s)

ANNIS

Committee Report

ONTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 617 allows a person who holds a valid moose permit to give that person's subpermittee permission to hunt a moose alone without the presence of that person.

LD 618 An Act To Increase the Amount Retained by Agents Who Issue Hunting and Fishing Licenses BY REQUEST

ONTP

Sponsor(s)

CRESSEY

Committee Report

ONTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 618 increases to \$3 the fees charged for issuing hunting and fishing licenses and permits by agents and clerks appointed by the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

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LD 633 An Act To Improve Funding for the State Snowmobile Trail System CARRIED OVER

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

LD 633 is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

LD 633 proposes to amend the current law to link a person's membership in a snowmobile organization to snowmobile registration fees. This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 123rd Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1369.

**LD 634 An Act To Encourage Landowners To Allow Hunting ACCEPTED ONTP
REPORT**

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

LD 634 requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to allocate at least 30% of available antlerless deer permits to landowners that meet certain requirements and keep their land open to hunting by the public.

LD 648 An Act To Maintain the Amount of State Land That Is Open for Hunting CARRIED OVER

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

LD 648 was jointly referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and provides that the number of acres open to hunting on reserved and nonreserved state lands may not be reduced from the total number of acres available for hunting on those lands as of January 1, 2008.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 123rd Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1369.

LD 653 An Act Regarding Proof of a Violation of the Laws against Hunting on Sunday ONTP

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

Under current law possession of hunting equipment in the fields or forests or on the waters or ice in the State on Sunday is considered prima facie evidence of a violation of hunting on Sunday. LD 653 repeals that law.

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LD 654 An Act To Make License Requirements and Rules Consistent for Young Anglers CARRIED OVER

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

LD 654 makes age requirements for nonresident youth anglers consistent with resident anglers. Under current law a resident anglers is not required to have a fishing license until reaching 16 years of age.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 123rd Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1369.

LD 655 An Act To Change the Firearms Season on Deer ONTP

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

LD 655 sets the regular firearms season for deer in Wildlife Management Districts 1 to 11 one week prior to the first Saturday in November and continues for the following 5 weeks. It also provides that in the other wildlife management districts, the regular firearms season for deer begins on the first Saturday in November and continues for the following 4 weeks.

LD 698 An Act To Increase the Seal Fee for Registration of a Harvested Animal ONTP
BY REQUEST

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

LD 698 increases the seal fee for registration of a harvested animal from \$1 to \$5.

LD 728 An Act To Enhance the Wise Use and Sound Management of Maine's Wildlife Resources PUBLIC 168

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FLOOD TURNER	OTP-AM	H-158

LD 728 prohibits a hunter or trapper from wasting a harvested or wounded game animal and removes the law that allows the holder of a big game license to take a bear during the regular open firearm season on deer without a bear hunting permit. It also provides that the revenue generated from the issuance of bear hunting permits in excess of the number issued in 2006 must be used to fund studies relating to the harvesting of black bears.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-158)

This committee amendment replaces the bill and does the following:

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1. It establishes the Black Bear Research Fund to fund research regarding the management of black bear;
2. It requires nonresident hunters to obtain a nonresident late season bear hunting permit to hunt bear during the regular firearm season on deer if that person does not possess a regular season bear hunting permit. The fee for the permit is \$40;
3. It creates a new bear trapping permit. The fee for the permit is \$27 for residents and \$67 for nonresidents;
4. It prohibits the intentional waste of wounded or killed game animals;
5. It authorizes a guide to dispatch a client's wounded or killed bear, deer or moose after legal hunting hours; and
6. It provides an effective date of January 1, 2008 for those provisions regarding the Black Bear Research Fund and bear hunting and trapping.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 168 does the following:

1. It establishes the Black Bear Research Fund to fund research regarding the management of black bear;
2. It requires nonresident hunters to obtain a nonresident late season bear hunting permit to hunt bear during the regular firearm season on deer if that person does not possess a regular season bear hunting permit;
3. It creates a new bear trapping permit. The fee for the permit is \$27 for residents and \$67 for nonresidents;
4. It prohibits the intentional waste of wounded or killed game animals; and
5. It authorizes a guide to dispatch a client's wounded or killed bear, deer or moose after legal hunting hours.

LD 771 An Act To Allow a Hunter To Retrieve a Dog from Posted Property

ONTP

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

LD 771 amends the trespass laws to allow an exemption for a hunter to go on posted land to retrieve the hunter's dog if the dog has crossed onto property that is posted.

LD 772 An Act To Track and Record All Fishing-related Rules Changes

**ACCEPTED ONTP
REPORT**

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

LD 772 requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to establish a database that tracks and records changes to the department's fishing rules.

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LD 783 An Act To Clarify That Senior Lifetime Hunting Licenses Include the Right To Hunt Turkey

PUBLIC 433

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MILLS J	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-149 S-364 ROTUNDO

LD 783 clarifies that a senior lifetime hunting license includes the right to hunt turkey.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-149)

This committee amendment provides a spring and fall wild turkey hunting permit to a person who is 70 years of age or older who holds a senior lifetime license.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-364)

This Senate amendment authorizes the transfer of \$16,700 in each of fiscal years 2007-08 and 2008-09 from the Carrying Balances, General Fund account within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 433 provides a spring and fall wild turkey hunting permit to a person who is 70 years of age or older who holds a senior lifetime license.

LD 799 An Act To Prohibit the Use of Motorized Watercraft on Lily Pond in Deer Isle

ONTP

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

LD 799 prohibits the use of a motorboat on Lily Pond in Deer Isle.

LD 822 An Act To Eliminate Fees for Resident Junior Hunters

ONTP

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

LD 822 repeals the fee for a resident junior hunting license.

LD 823 Resolve, To Create an Effective Deer Habitat Enhancement and Coyote Control Program

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<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CLARK	OTP-AM	H-190

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LD 823 directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to review the existing coyote control program and report the commissioner's findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by December 30, 2007. It authorizes the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-190)

This committee amendment requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to establish a working group to review existing programs and efforts for creating, enhancing and maintaining critical deer habitat in the State and reducing predation of deer by coyotes.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2007, chapter 39 requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to establish a working group to review existing programs and efforts for creating, enhancing and maintaining critical deer habitat in the State and reducing predation of deer by coyotes.

LD 824 *Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Extend the Coyote Night Hunting Season* ONTP

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

LD 824 directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to allow the hunting of coyote at night throughout the year.

LD 825 *An Act To Allow Special Olympics Maine To Conduct an Open Bass Fishing Tournament* P & S 16

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-230

LD 825 allows Special Olympics Maine to hold an open bass fishing tournament every year on the first Sunday in May on Cobbossee Lake. It also exempts the tournament from the rules that govern open bass fishing tournaments.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-230)

This committee amendment requires that 100% instead of 25% of gross proceeds received from entry fees for a bass tournament involving Special Olympics Maine be donated to Special Olympics Maine or be awarded to participants as prizes. It also removes the provision from the bill that would exempt the tournament from the rules that govern open bass fishing tournaments.

Enacted Law Summary

Private and Special Law 2007, chapter 16 allows Special Olympics Maine to hold an open bass fishing tournament every year on the first Sunday in May on Cobbossee Lake and requires that 100% of the gross proceeds received from entry fees be donated to Special Olympics Maine or be awarded to participants as prizes.

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LD 826 An Act To Protect Inland Waters and Property Owners

ONTP

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

LD 826 is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

LD 826 proposes to improve the process for getting permits from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife for events on lakes. The process will provide for local input and clear guidelines, especially for denials of permits.

LD 865 An Act To Increase the Number of Disabled Veterans That Are Eligible for Complimentary Lifetime Licenses and To Create the Search and Rescue Fund

DIED ON
ADJOURNMENT

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MILLETT	OTP-AM	H-540

LD 865 provides veterans or enlisted members of the United States Armed Forces, the Reserves of the United States Armed Forces or the National Guard who have served or are currently serving in Iraq or Afghanistan or other location associated with the global war on terrorism discounts on hunting and fishing licenses. It also establishes a Search and Rescue Fund and provides for a General Fund allocation into that fund in an amount that offsets the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's loss of revenue due to the discounted hunting and fishing licenses.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-540)

This committee amendment changes the title of the bill to "An Act to Increase the Number of Disabled Veterans That are Eligible for Complimentary Lifetime Licenses and to Create the Search and Rescue Fund." It replaces the provision of the bill proposing to provide discounted license fees for certain veterans with language that increases the number of disabled veterans that are eligible to receive complimentary lifetime licenses and permits to hunt, fish, trap and guide by reducing the level of disability needed to qualify from 100% for noncombat military and 70% for combat-related disability to 50% or more disability for all veterans. It also clarifies the definition of "veteran" and how the loss of revenues to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife for providing these complimentary licenses to be reimbursed from the General Fund. This committee amendment changes the allocation of the laws establishing the Search and Rescue Fund in order to avoid creating a conflict.

LD 887 An Act To Reduce Watercraft Noise Levels on Lakes

ONTP

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

LD 887 reduces the permissible stationary sound level of watercraft and airmobiles from 90 decibels to 85 decibels and permissible operational sound level from 75 decibels to 70 decibels.

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LD 888 An Act To Clarify the Definition of "Personal Watercraft"

PUBLIC 169

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MILLS J BRYANT B	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-153

LD 888 exempts a motorized watercraft that is not capable of being operated in excess of 15 miles per hour and does not generate an unreasonable amount of noise from the definition of "personal watercraft" in the laws governing inland fisheries and wildlife.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-153)

This committee amendment removes the requirement from the bill that the watercraft not be capable of being operated in excess of 15 miles per hour and replaces it with the requirement that the watercraft not have a horsepower rating greater than 15 horsepower.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 169 exempts a motorized watercraft that does not have a horsepower rating greater than 15 horsepower and does not generate an unreasonable amount of noise from the definition of "personal watercraft" in the laws governing inland fisheries and wildlife.

LD 932 Resolve, To Study Incentives To Encourage All-terrain Vehicle Registrants To Join Local All-terrain Vehicle Clubs

RESOLVE 104

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HOTHAM	OTP-AM	H-410

LD 932 directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to study incentives, including possible financial incentives, to encourage all-terrain vehicle registrants to join local all-terrain vehicle clubs and to submit a report and any recommended legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature no later than December 5, 2007.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-410)

This committee amendment replaces the resolve and directs the Department of Conservation to convene a stakeholders group that includes representatives of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Alliance of Trail Vehicles of Maine and other interested parties to study possible incentives, including financial incentives, to encourage all-terrain vehicle registrants to join local all-terrain vehicle clubs. It directs the Department of Conservation to report the findings and recommendations and any proposed legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife no later than December 5, 2007. It also authorizes the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to submit legislation related to that report to the Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2007, chapter 104 directs the Department of Conservation to convene a stakeholders group that includes representatives of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Alliance of Trail Vehicles of Maine and other interested parties to study possible incentives, including financial incentives, to encourage all-terrain vehicle registrants to join local all-terrain vehicle clubs. It directs the Department of Conservation to report the findings and recommendations and any proposed legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland

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Fisheries and Wildlife no later than December 5, 2007. It also authorizes the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to submit legislation related to that report to the Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature.

LD 982 An Act To Encourage Youth Hunting

ONTP

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

LD 982 allows a person who takes a deer on youth deer hunting day to take one additional deer during other open deer seasons. It also allows a person who takes a turkey on youth spring wild turkey hunting day to take an additional turkey during turkey hunting season.

LD 1045 An Act To Extend the Coyote Night Hunting Season

PUBLIC 242

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TUTTLE	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-295

LD 1045 establishes the coyote award program. It also increases hunting license fees by \$1 and directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to use the funds collected from the increase in hunting license fees for the coyote award program and the animal damage control program.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-295)

This committee amendment replaces the bill and extends the night hunting season for coyotes by just over one month. The current night hunting season for coyotes runs from January 1st to April 30th and this amendment changes that season to January 1st to June 1st.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 242 extends the night hunting season for coyotes by just over one month. The current night hunting season for coyotes runs from January 1st to April 30th and this amendment changes that season to January 1st to June 1st.

LD 1080 An Act To Increase Public Participation in the Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund Board

ONTP

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

LD 1080 prohibits a specific state sportsmen's organization or a specific state wildlife conservation organization from being represented on the Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund Board for more than 2 consecutive 4-year terms without a break in service.

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LD 1081 An Act To Protect Wild Trout from Exotic Species

**DIED IN
CONCURRENCE**

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

LD 1081 prohibits the stocking of splake in any waters that drain into or out of wild trout waters. It also directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to prepare a list of waters that are suitable for splake stocking.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-269)

This committee amendment prohibits the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife from stocking splake or issuing a permit to stock splake in waters that run into or out of wild brook trout waters. It also provides that the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife must have the list of waters suitable for splake stocking available to the public no later than December 1, 2007.

LD 1101 An Act To Establish a Complimentary Moose Permit Drawing for 100% Disabled Veterans

**ACCEPTED ONTP
REPORT**

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

LD 1101 establishes a special complimentary moose permit drawing for resident veterans who are 100% disabled and served in a combat zone. It authorizes the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to determine the number of permits to be allotted for the special drawing but limits the number to no more than 2% of the total number of permits issued annually during the regular moose permit drawing.

LD 1104 An Act To Amend Certain Provisions of Fish and Wildlife Law

PUBLIC 463

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BRYANT B	OTP-AM	S-234 S-356 ROTUNDO

LD 1104 adds more lifetime hunting permits for Native Americans, provides for a complimentary license to hunt and fish to a spouse or child of a game warden killed in the line of duty and clarifies and corrects an incorrect penalty section. It also adds areas to the list of state-owned wildlife management areas.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-234)

This committee amendment removes the requirement that a person have a permit to harvest alewives from the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, Part 13 because jurisdiction over the management of that species is being transferred to another department. It makes those provisions effective January 1, 2008. It also provides that a person may not possess an antlerless deer in Washington County unless that deer has been legally registered in another county.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-356)

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This amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 463 provides a complimentary license to hunt and fish to a spouse or child of a game warden killed in the line of duty. It removes the requirement that a person have a permit to harvest alewives from the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, Part 13 because jurisdiction over the management of that species is being transferred to another department. It also provides that a person may not possess an antlerless deer in Washington County unless that deer has been legally registered in another county. Public Law 2007, chapter 463 adds areas to the list of state-owned wildlife management areas and corrects a technical error regarding the penalty for the use of a firearm in the Town of Southport.

LD 1133 **Resolve, To Establish the William Silliker Memorial Wildlife Watching Area** **ONTP**

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

LD 1133 directs the Department of Conservation to establish a wildlife watching area on state-owned land to be named in memory of noted Maine naturalist and photographer William Silliker. It requires the Commissioner of Conservation to work with the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to adopt rules and select a location based on public input, biological suitability, public accessibility and public safety.

LD 1305 **Resolve, To Create a New Hunter Safety Course** **ONTP**

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

LD 1305 directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to create a new hunter safety course that includes an option for home study or classroom instruction, a day at the shooting range and options for firearm, bow and crossbow hunting instruction.

LD 1387 **An Act Concerning the Taking of Nuisance Animals BY REQUEST** **PUBLIC 198**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAVAGE D	OTP-AM	H-229

LD 1387 allows a person to kill up to 2 wild animals or wild turkeys or 5 deer annually on that person's property if a game warden issues a permit to do so because of crop damage. It provides that if a person kills more than 2 wild animals or wild turkeys or 5 deer, the carcasses of deer, bear, moose or wild turkeys killed or taken must be distributed to recipients authorized through the Hunters for the Hungry Program and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife must be notified within 24 hours that the meat is ready to be picked up.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-229)

This committee amendment retains the provisions of current law regarding who is eligible to keep the carcasses of nuisance animals and allows a person to keep up to 3 instead of 2 nuisance deer carcasses.

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Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 198 provides that when a person has meat from harvested nuisance animals to be distributed to recipients authorized through the Hunters for the Hungry Program, that person shall inform the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife within 24 hours that the meat is ready to be picked up. It also raises the number of nuisance deer carcasses that a person who harvested the deer can keep from 2 to 3 deer.

LD 1496 An Act To Restrict the Time during Which an Airmobile May Be Operated **ONTP**

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

LD 1496 prohibits a person from operating an airmobile between midnight and 7:00 a.m.

LD 1635 An Act To Prohibit Recreational Bear Trapping **ACCEPTED ONTP REPORT**

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

LD 1635 abolishes the open season on trapping bears but allows for the trapping of bear only for scientific research, animal damage control or public safety.

LD 1642 Resolve, To Improve Landowner Relations **RESOLVE 130 EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FISCHER	OTP-AM A ONTP B	H-233 S-374 ROTUNDO

LD 1642 authorizes the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to create a full-time landowner relations coordinator within its Information and Education Division.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-233)

This committee amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section to the resolve.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-374)

This Senate amendment is an emergency measure and replaces the bill with a resolve. It authorizes a limited-period Director of Recreational Access and Landowner Relations position within the Department of Conservation. Forty percent of the funding for this position must be provided by the Department of Conservation and 60% must come from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. It also provides that this position is established to work with the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife on issues regarding outreach and assistance to landowners who permit public recreational access on private lands.

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Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2007, chapter 130 authorizes a limited-period Director of Recreational Access and Landowner Relations position within the Department of Conservation. Forty percent of the funding for this position must be provided by the Department of Conservation and 60% must come from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. It also provides that this position is established to work with the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife on issues regarding outreach and assistance to landowners who permit public recreational access on private lands.

Resolve 2007, chapter 130 was passed as an emergency measure effective June 27, 2007.

LD 1834 An Act To Authorize the Use of Timber Harvesting Revenues for Land Management

PUBLIC 217

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BRYANT B	OTP-AM	S-123

LD 1834 resolves a conflict with a federal statute that requires timber revenues from any of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's wildlife management areas purchased with federal aid funds be used for land management activities on the lands from which they were derived. It also repeals the requirement that the State pay 50% of the net profits that it receives from the sale or lease of natural products on such land to a municipality located on that land.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-123)

This committee amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 217 conforms state law with federal statute that requires timber revenues from any of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's wildlife management areas purchased with federal aid funds be used for land management activities on the lands from which they were derived. It also repeals the requirement that the State pay 50% of the net profits that it receives from the sale or lease of natural products on such land to a municipality located on that land.

LD 1838 An Act To Ensure Safety on Freshwater Ferry Vessels

CARRIED OVER

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

LD 1838 provides for the regulation of ferries that operate in state waters, not including navigable waters under the jurisdiction of the United States Coast Guard. The provisions of this bill include:

1. The requirement that each ferry be inspected yearly by an accredited marine surveyor;
2. Specific inspection requirements of various components of a ferry;
3. The number of permitted individuals and permitted passengers on a ferry;
4. Safe operation of a ferry while underway; and

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5. Preparations for an emergency.

LD 1838 was carried over to any special or regular session of the 123rd Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1369.

LD 1858 An Act To Protect Inland Water Access

CARRIED OVER

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

LD 1858 was jointly referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and requires a state agency to hold a public hearing on a state agency proposal to restrict, expand or change in any way access to inland waters. The public hearing must be held near the location of the proposed restriction, expansion or change.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 123rd Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1369.

LD 1912 Resolve, To Develop the Outdoor Licensed Network

RESOLVE 83

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BRYANT B	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	S-186

LD 1912 increases registration fees for ATV registrations from \$33 to \$70 for a resident and from \$68 to \$105 for a nonresident. If a person documents at the time of registration current membership in an eligible ATV club that is in good standing with the Secretary of State and recognized by the Department of Conservation as maintaining ATV trails for the public, the fee is reduced to \$30 for a resident and \$65 for a nonresident. It defines "eligible ATV club" to mean a nonprofit organization located in the State established and maintained primarily for purposes involving ATVs and that charges no more than \$20 for an individual membership and \$25 for a family membership. LD 1912 directs the Department of Conservation, in conjunction with the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by January 15, 2009 their findings and recommendations regarding the implementation and enforcement of the reduced registration fees. It has an effective date of June 30, 2008.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-186)

This committee amendment replaces the bill and changes the title to "Resolve, to Develop the Outdoor Licensed Network." It directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife in consultation with the Department of Conservation and the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to develop a plan to create and implement the Outdoor Licensed Network to acquire, preserve and enhance access to land and inland waters of the State, to ensure coordinated planning for the future use and preservation of access for activities licensed by the department and to provide an effective grassroots system to identify, secure and manage access on an ongoing basis. It also provides that the plan must include provisions to divide the State into sections and districts designed to encompass fish and game clubs or similar entities and that those entities must be utilized for the purpose of identifying, monitoring and prioritizing information on land within each district that may be available for acquisition or other access and to deal with landowner issues. This committee amendment provides that the plan must establish the Network Advisory Council to aid fish and game clubs engaged in activities regarding the network and requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to

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report back its findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by January 15, 2008.

Enacted Law Summary

Public law 2007, chapter 83 directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife in consultation with the Department of Conservation and the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to develop a plan to create and implement the Outdoor Licensed Network to acquire, preserve and enhance access to land and inland waters of the State, to ensure coordinated planning for the future use and preservation of access for activities licensed by the department and to provide an effective grassroots system to identify, secure and manage access on an ongoing basis. It also provides that the plan must include provisions to divide the State into sections and districts designed to encompass fish and game clubs or similar entities and that those entities must be utilized for the purpose of identifying, monitoring and prioritizing information on land within each district that may be available for acquisition or other access and to deal with landowner issues. Public Law 2007, chapter 83 provides that the plan must establish the Network Advisory Council to aid fish and game clubs engaged in activities regarding the network. It requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to report back its findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by January 15, 2008.

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Enacted

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Not Enacted

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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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Enacted

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Enacted

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Not Enacted

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Enacted

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Not Enacted

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Enacted

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Enacted

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LD 1834	An Act To Authorize the Use of Timber Harvesting Revenues for Land Management	PUBLIC 217

Not Enacted

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Enacted

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Not Enacted

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LD 504 An Act To Require the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Reserve 250 Moose Permits for Residents Who Have Never Received One ONTP

LD 571 An Act To Protect Beef Producers ONTP

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REPORT

Nuisance Animals

Enacted

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Outdoor Licensed Network

Enacted

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Enacted

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Not Enacted

LD 633 An Act To Improve Funding for the State Snowmobile Trail System CARRIED OVER

Sunday Hunting

Not Enacted

LD 307	An Act To Enhance Land Use Opportunities for Landowners	ACCEPTED ONTP REPORT
LD 653	An Act Regarding Proof of a Violation of the Laws against Hunting on Sunday	ONTP

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Not Enacted

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Enacted

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Not Enacted

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LD 799	An Act To Prohibit the Use of Motorized Watercraft on Lily Pond in Deer Isle	ONTP
LD 887	An Act To Reduce Watercraft Noise Levels on Lakes	ONTP
LD 1838	An Act To Ensure Safety on Freshwater Ferry Vessels	CARRIED OVER

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Not Enacted

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