



## MEMORANDUM

Date: April 23, 2013

To: Senator Dutremble Chair  
Representative Shaw Chair  
Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries & Wildlife

From: Chandler Woodcock, Commissioner of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife

Subject: A Letter in lieu of testimony for L.D. 199.

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Dear Committee Members,

L.D. 199 would allow the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to appoint and authorize agents to hunt coyotes at night during any open season on deer and would direct the commissioner to develop policies to make the affected public and affected law enforcement officers aware of any night hunting operations. This would include policies that ensure each agent notifies affected landowners of the agent's night hunting activities. The new language requires the designated agent to notify the affected landowner as well as the affected public. Currently Title 12 Section 10105-1 authorizes the commissioner to take or destroy wildlife when necessary and to authorize a person to assist the commissioner in this effort.

Without clarification on this bill's intent it is very difficult to determine how it changes the current statutes or Department policy and because similar language already exists we feel this bill may be unnecessary.

If you have any additional questions or concerns please feel free to contact Christl Theriault, Assistant to the Commissioner at 287-1197 or Becky Orff, Secretary in the Commissioner's Office at 287-5202.