

October 22, 2015

Dear Bass Club Representative:

The 2016 Bass Tournament Permit Drawing will be held at Togas, VA on December 10, 2015.

Some changes have been implemented to the 2016 bass tournament permit drawing. These changes will help to streamline the process for both MDIFW and bass clubs. Please read the enclosed document entitled "2016 Bass Tournament Permit Drawing" carefully as it explains the new drawing process in detail.

Please make sure your club has submitted all required weed inspection forms for 2015. If you are unsure of your club's status, please call our office at 287-5261. Clubs that are not in compliance with permit conditions will not be eligible to participate in the 2016 bass draw.

Clubs registered for the 2016 drawing are eligible to select up to three (3) tournaments with the \$156.00 registration fee.

Clubs are not required to draw three permits at the draw, but the \$156.00 registration fee is NON-REFUNDABLE and CANNOT be used as a future credit.

All clubs must be pre-registered in order to participate in the draw. In order to pre-register, clubs must submit the following to MDIFW NO LATER than November 20, 2015 by (5:00 PM):

- Pre-registration form
- Executed Affidavit (signed by a notary)
- Check made payable to "Treasurer, State of Maine" in the amount of \$156.00 (non-refundable).

IMPORTANT: Following the Bass Draw, all applications must be received in our office no later than February 5, 2016, by 5:00 PM. Please understand that NO changes will be made to the applications once they have been received in our office.

Enclosed please find a 2016 bass permit tournament application. Additional application forms may be downloaded from our website, www.mefishwildlife.com and will also be available at the drawing.

Bass tournaments may only be conducted on the water body as defined on the permit. The Department retains the authority to change these boundaries as necessary to appropriately manage these waters for multiple user groups.

Please remember that the 3rd Saturday in July is loon count and no tournaments on that date will be allowed to start assembling before 9:00 am.

Requests for Multi-day tournaments permits will not be accepted at the drawing. The following water bodies are already taken for the 2016 Multi-Day permits:

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| Sebasticook Lake | September 10 & 11, 2016 | Me. State Bass Federation |
| Long Lake / Brandy Pond | September 9 & 10, 2016 | Me. State Bass Federation |

Permit application fees are non-refundable. However, if you need to cancel a scheduled tournament, please contact us at 287-5261. This will allow us to notify the Warden Service and make necessary changes in our database that would allow future permits on that water body to be issued and prevent your organization as being shown delinquent in submitting a weed inspection form for that tournament.

Sincerely,

Michael Brown
Director of Fisheries
Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife