



STATE OF MAINE  
DEPARTMENT OF  
INLAND FISHERIES & WILDLIFE  
284 STATE STREET  
41 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA ME 04333-0041



November 5, 2020

Dear Bass Club Representative:

The 2021 Bass Tournament Permit Drawing (drawing) will be held virtually on **December 10, 2020 (see Zoom instructions attached)**. Clubs must pre-register no later than **November 20, 2020**. For additional information, please see attached *2021 Bass Tournament Permit Drawing* and our website: [www.maine.gov/ifw](http://www.maine.gov/ifw).

Please make sure your club has submitted all required 2020 weed inspection forms no later than **November 13, 2020; we will return drawing pre-registration requests from clubs who have outstanding weed inspection forms.**

Next year, timely submission of weed inspection forms will continue to be closely monitored and enforced. Inspection forms are due within **7** days of holding a tournament; clubs who are not in compliance with weed inspection form submission requirements may have current/future permits revoked as well as removal of future drawing privileges. **Please note, as of 2021 we will no longer be accepting weed inspection forms via FAX. Please submit your forms by email to [Jacinta.vogel@maine.gov](mailto:Jacinta.vogel@maine.gov).**

Applications for each tournament selected at the drawing must be completed and submitted to the Department no later than **January 29, 2021**. If applications are not received by this time, permits will not be issued, and those dates/waters will be released.

Bass tournaments may only be conducted on the water body as named 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 from November 20, 2020 until December 18, 2020. The following water bodies are already taken for 2021 Multi-Day permits:

Androscoggin River – September 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>  
Cobbosseecontee Lake – October 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>

If you need to cancel a scheduled tournament, please contact Jacinta Vogel at 287-5261 or [jacinta.vogel@maine.gov](mailto:jacinta.vogel@maine.gov). 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 will prevent your organization as being shown delinquent on weed inspection form submission.

Thank you for your part in providing the requested information in a timely manner to support a successful Drawing. Please feel free to call if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Francis Brautigam, Director of Fisheries

## Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

### 2021 Bass Tournament Permit Drawing

The 2021 Bass Tournament Permit Drawing (Drawing) will be held on Thursday, **December 10, 2020** and will be held virtually.

**TIME:** Introductions and Overview **6:30 – 7:00**; Drawing begins promptly at **7:00 PM**

Only qualified clubs may participate, and those clubs must be pre-registered for the Drawing in accordance with the following (NO EXCEPTIONS):

**Qualified Applicants** are defined as those applicants who are currently compliant with permit conditions, including having met the obligation of filing all required 2020 Weed Inspection forms by **November 13, 2020**. Requests for registration received from applicants who are not deemed qualified will not be accepted and will be returned.

#### **Pre-Registration Requirements:**

- Submission of completed Pre-registration form;
- Submission of notarized Affidavit form that **includes a list of all members with contact information and that indicates which members have participated in an aquatic plant and live-well inspection training program endorsed by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP) within the last five years;**
- Submission of a **non-refundable** check or money order in the amount of **\$156.00** (made payable to “Treasurer, State of Maine”). *The non-refundable payment will be applied against the total fees due for all tournaments selected at the Drawing during the final application submission process. Applicants will be responsible for fees associated with additional tournaments selected at the Drawing. Applicants that do not select 3 or more tournaments at the drawing **will not** be refunded and future credits **will not** be allowed;*

All the above must be received at MDIFW office in Augusta **NO LATER** than the close of business (**4:30 PM**) on **November 20, 2020**. Pre-registration requests should be mailed (or hand delivered) to: MDIFW, Attn: Jacinta Vogel, 284 State Street, 41 SHS, Augusta, ME 04333. Incomplete pre-registration requests will not be processed.

**Issuance of List of Qualifying Applicants & Drawing Order** – on or about **December 4, 2020**, MDIFW will publish a list of qualifying registrants. Only those listed will be permitted to participate in the 2021 drawing. The list will also designate the drawing position of each applicant. This process will be administered by MDIFW through a random selection of qualified applicants.

**Deferrals** – Only the first round of the Drawing will include an opportunity for applicants to defer their pick to another applicant. Applicants may negotiate deferrals with other applicants up until the start of the Drawing. No time will be allotted for deferrals once the Drawing has begun.

**Drawing details** – the following outlines specific details of the Drawing process:

- Registrants who arrive after the Drawing has begun will forfeit their position and will be placed at the end of the Drawing order for each remaining round. No deferrals of late arrivals will be allowed.
- Payment – no payments will be accepted on the night of the Drawing. Payments must be mailed with submission of applications in accordance with the requirements detailed below.
- Confirmation of each registrant’s tournament selections will be issued at the end of the Drawing – please be sure to review before you leave the drawing!

**Securing Permits** – Applicants will have until the close of business (4:30 PM) on **January 29, 2021** to submit applications, date change requests and required fees.

- You must complete Applications for all tournaments selected at the Drawing and submit to MDIFW by **January 29, 2021**; otherwise, tournaments will be forfeited, and permits will not be issued.
- Any requested date changes after **January 29, 2021** will incur a \$7.00 fee (**changes to waterbody or club will not be allowed**).
- Applications for remaining available waters will be accepted starting on **February 26, 2021** on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Mail applications, along with any applicable fees (check made payable to “Treasurer, State of Maine”) to: MDIFW, ATTN: Fisheries Division, 284 State St, 41 SHS, Augusta, ME 04333.
- Permits for those tournaments which were selected at the drawing, and the Department has received completed applications by January 29, 2021, will be issued in March 2021.

**Forms** – All forms can be found on our website at: [www.maine.gov/ifw](http://www.maine.gov/ifw)

Please contact Jacinta Vogel with any questions at 207-287-5261 or by email at [Jacinta.Vogel@maine.gov](mailto:Jacinta.Vogel@maine.gov) .

## 2021 Bass Tournament Drawing via Zoom

### Instructions for Registered Participants

Maine Inland Fisheries & Wildlife along with Maine BASS Nation are inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting for the 2021 Bass Tournament Permit Draw. This will be an online meeting with no in person event. If you have not downloaded the Zoom app, can download via this link(recommended you do this before the date of the drawing): <https://zoom.us/download>

You do not need video for the meeting, but is preferred. Call-in instructions are below electronic link.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9248995196?pwd=d3lVRy9qd1lSSm1KdElqNVREVEEdRdz09>

Meeting ID: 924 899 5196

Passcode: 0wTli2

Dial by your location

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

Meeting ID: 924 899 5196

Passcode: 548583

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kcqDqeSZ04>

**AFFIDAVIT**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, ME  
Name Town

am \_\_\_\_\_ of a bass fishing organization currently known as  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of bass organization

I hereby certify that the bass fishing organization herein named is a bona fide independent bass fishing organization having a slate of officers, as follows:

President \_\_\_\_\_  
Vice President \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary \_\_\_\_\_  
Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that the purpose of this affidavit is to certify eligibility for making application to conduct bass tournaments on Maine inland waters and that obtaining a permit through misstatement, misrepresentation or fraud is a criminal violation under Title 12, §10757.

**You must attach a list of all your members with contact information, which indicates which members have participated in an aquatic plant and live-well inspection training program endorsed by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP) within the last five years.**

I certify that all the information given in this affidavit is true and accurate. I understand that the information I have provided in this affidavit may be checked for accuracy and that falsely completing this affidavit may result in court action against me.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

**STATE OF MAINE**

\_\_\_\_\_, **ss.**  
(County)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public/Attorney  
My Commission Expires:

**Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife  
Fisheries Division  
284 State Street, 41 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333-0041  
Phone: 207-287-5261**

**2021 Maine Bass Tournament Permit Drawing Request for Registration**

\*\*\*\*Registration Forms Due by November 20, 2020\*\*\*\*

**Name of organization:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Representative's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street, PO Box, Apt.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip Code

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Alternate Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Numbers: Daytime:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell:** \_\_\_\_\_

Submit form along with an executed Affidavit and check made payable to "Treasurer, State of Maine" in the amount of \$156.00 NO LATER than close of business (4:30 PM) **Friday, November 20, 2020.**

***Incomplete registration requests will not be processed.***

**MAINE DEPARTMENT OF INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

**Fisheries Division**

**284 State Street, 41 SHS Augusta, ME 04333**

**Phone 207-287-5261 - [www.maine.gov/ifw](http://www.maine.gov/ifw)**

**2021 BASS TOURNAMENT DATE CHANGE REQUEST FORM**

CLUB NAME \_\_\_\_\_

WATERBODY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ORIGINAL DATE OF TOURNAMENT: \_\_\_\_\_

REQUESTED NEW DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

- Please note, the fee for date change requests received after January 29, 2021 will be \$7.00.
- This form is to be used to change a date of a tournament. If you wish to change the club name or waterbody, you must fill out a new application and pay the applicable fee.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Club Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Make check payable to: Treasurer, State of Maine

Return form to: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife  
Fisheries Division  
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