

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF
ACTIVITY IN LUPC'S SERVICE AREA
(MDIFW)**

This form is for use in obtaining approval from the **Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (MDIFW)** for the timing of certain projects in accordance with LUPC Chapter 10 Activity Specific Standards for water crossings, Section 10.27,D. While LUPC is the regulatory authority for certain water crossings, LUPC seeks MDIFW recommendations for all water crossing proposals outside of the standard work window of July 15- September 30.

To be filled out by applicant: (Instructions are on the back of this form)

1. **Applicant's name:** _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

2. I plan to perform the following activity:

Section 10.27,D. water crossing performed between Oct. 1 and July 14

3. Brief description of project: [please include the name of the stream or waterbody, if known]

4. I plan to perform this activity between the dates of _____ and _____
(start date) (end date)

5. I have included a map clearly showing the location of my project.

***[Please note that if no location map is provided that clearly depicts the project location, no approval will be granted by MDIFW]**

6. Send the completed form to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Environmental Review Coordinator. See instructions on the back of this form.

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MDIFW has reviewed the proposed timing of the activity identified above and:

approves of the project's timing as proposed.

requires that the project's timing be changed to occur between _____ and _____

_____ (end date)

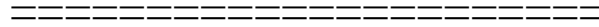
_____ (start date)

MDIFW representative

Position

Date

Getting Approval



1. When do I need to get approval from the Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife (MDIFW) before filing a notification form with the LUPC?

You need to get approval for the timing of your project if it involves:

- constructing a water crossing between October 1 and July 14 (Section 10.27,D).

2. Why does the MDIFW care when I construct my project?

The MDIFW is responsible for managing the health and welfare of Maine's inland fish and wildlife, including the habitat used by these species. The MDIFW knows which streams are particularly important for fish and other wildlife. They also know when certain kinds of activities should or shouldn't take place in or over streams. For this reason, MDIFW biologists need to review the potential impacts on fish and wildlife by activities taking place in protected natural resources. The MDIFW has specific concerns about water crossings that take place in the winter and spring.

3. How do I get MDIFW approval?

Simply fill out the applicant section of the form: write your name and address; check the box in front of the activity you are proposing; write a brief description of what your project involves; and fill in the dates when you plan to do the work. Then email this form, along with a location map, to IFWEnvironmentalreview@maine.gov. Alternatively, you can mail this form and location map to:

Environmental Review Coordinator
Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
284 State Street, 41 SHS
Augusta, Maine 04333-0041
Tel. (207) 287-5254

[Without a location map that clearly depicts the project location, MDIFW cannot properly review your project and the form will be returned to you unapproved.] Once received, a MDIFW biologist will check the location of your project. If there are concerns about your project's impact on fish or wildlife during the time you propose to construct your project, the MDIFW biologist will recommend an alternative time to construct the project. If there are no concerns, the biologist will simply check off the form and return it to you: no change in plans will be required of you.

4. How long will it take to get MDIFW approval?

The LUPC has asked that MDIFW staff review the "Request for Approval" within 2 weeks of receiving it. Once reviewed, MDIFW will return the form directly to you. You then submit the form to the Commission along with the LUPC notification form.

5. What if MDIFW doesn't approve the timing of my project?

If the dates you propose for construction are not agreed to by MDIFW, the biologist will recommend another time when the work can take place. If you do not feel you can construct your project during the new dates approved by the biologist, you will need to contact the MDIFW Environmental Review Coordinator. It may be possible for you and MDIFW to agree on a different time frame if certain aspects of your project are changed.