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November 5, 2018

Dear Bass Club Representative:

The 2019 Bass Tournament Permit Drawing (drawing) will be held on **December 13, 2018** at Togus Veterans Administration in Augusta. Clubs must pre-register no later than **November 16, 2018**. For additional information, please see attached *2019 Bass Tournament Permit Drawing* and our website: www.maine.gov/ifw.

Please make sure your club has submitted all required weed inspection forms for 2018 no later than **November 7th**. 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 2019 drawing or issued permits in 2019.

Next year, timely submission of weed inspection forms will be closely monitored and enforced. We will no longer be sending out several reminders to clubs to submit their weed inspection forms. 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.**

Applications for each tournament selected at the drawing must be completed and submitted to the Department no later than **February 8, 2019**. If applications are not received by this time, those dates/waters will be released.

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 from November 16, 2018 until December 14, 2018. The following water bodies are already taken for 2019 Multi-Day permits:

China Lake – September 7 & 8th

Sebago Lake – September 11, 12 & 13th

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 will prevent your organization as being shown delinquent on weed inspection form submission for that tournament.

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

2019 Bass Tournament Permit Drawing

The 2019 Bass Tournament Permit Drawing (Drawing) will be held on Thursday, **December 13, 2018** at VA Togus Auditorium, Theatre Bldg 210, 1st Floor, Togus (Augusta), Maine (same location as in the past).

TIME: Check in time: 6:30; Instructions 6:45 – 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 2018 Weed Inspection forms by **November 7, 2018**. 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, with list of members and contact information;
- 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 16, 2018**. Pre-registration requests should be mailed (or hand delivered) to: MDIFW, Attn: Tasha Newton, 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 7, 2018**, MDIFW will publish a list of qualifying registrants. Only those listed will be permitted to participate in the 2019 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.

Securing Permits – Applicants will have until the close of business (4:30 PM) on **February 8, 2019** to submit applications, date change requests and required fees.

- Applications for all tournaments selected at the Drawing must be received by MDIFW no later than **February 8, 2019**; otherwise, tournaments will be forfeited.
- Any requested date changes after February 8, 2019 will incur a fee (changes to waterbody or club requires a new application).
- Applications for remaining available waters will be accepted starting on **February 25, 2019** 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 will be issued in March 2019.

Forms – All forms can be found on our website at: www.maine.gov/ifw

Please contact Tasha Newton with any questions at 207-287-5261 or
by email at Tasha.L.Newton@maine.gov

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

2019 Maine Bass Tournament Permit Drawing Request for Registration

****Registration Forms Due by November 16, 2018****

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 16, 2018.**

Incomplete registration requests will not be processed.

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.

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.

I certify that all the information given in this affidavit is true and accurate. **A list of your members, along with contact information, must be attached to this affidavit.**

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 SHS Augusta, ME 04333

Phone 207-287-5261 - www.maine.gov/ifw

2019 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 February 8, 2019 will be \$7.00.
- This form is to be used to change a date on a waterbody only. **If you are changing the club name or waterbody; you must fill out a new application and pay 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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