

October 28, 2019

Dear Bass Club Representative:

The 2020 Bass Tournament Permit Drawing (drawing) will be held on **December 12, 2019** at Togus Veterans Administration in Augusta. Clubs must pre-register no later than **November 15, 2019**. For additional information, please see attached *2020 Bass Tournament Permit Drawing* and our website: www.maine.gov/ifw.

Please make sure your club has submitted all required 2019 weed inspection forms no later than **November 8, 2019**; **we will return drawing pre-registration requests from clubs who are not in compliance with permit conditions.**

Next year, timely submission of weed inspection forms will 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.

Applications for each tournament selected at the drawing must be completed and submitted to the Department no later than **January 31, 2020**. 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 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.

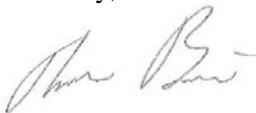
Requests for Multi-day tournaments permits will not be accepted from November 15, 2019 until December 16, 2019. The following water bodies are already taken for 2020 Multi-Day permits:

Damariscotta Lake – September 26th & 26th
Cobboseecontee Lake – September 19th & 20th
Kennebec River (Skowhegan) – September 12th & 13th

If you need to cancel a scheduled tournament, please contact Jacinta Vogel at 287-5261 or 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

2020 Bass Tournament Permit Drawing

The 2020 Bass Tournament Permit Drawing (Drawing) will be held on Thursday, **December 12, 2019** 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 2019 Weed Inspection forms by **November 8, 2019**. 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 15, 2019**. 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, 2019**, MDIFW will publish a list of qualifying registrants. Only those listed will be permitted to participate in the 2020 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 31, 2020** 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 31, 2020**; otherwise, tournaments will be forfeited, and permits will not be issued.
- Any requested date changes after **January 31, 2020** will incur a \$7.00 fee (**changes to waterbody or club requires a new application**).
- Applications for remaining available waters will be accepted starting on **February 24, 2020** 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 31, 2020, will be issued in March 2020.

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

Please contact Jacinta Vogel with any questions at 207-287-5261 or by email at Jacinta.Vogel@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**

2020 Maine Bass Tournament Permit Drawing Request for Registration

****Registration Forms Due by November 15, 2019****

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 15, 2019.**

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.

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 SHS Augusta, ME 04333

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

2020 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 31, 2020 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
284 State St., 41 SHS
Augusta ME 04333-0041