



# 2020 Bass Tournament Boat Inspection Form



Lake Name \_\_\_\_\_ Town \_\_\_\_\_ Launch Name/Location \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Event Time: From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_ Inspector Name \_\_\_\_\_ Host Club \_\_\_\_\_

Use Military Time

1	State Abbr.	BOW Registration Number	Lake & River Protection Sticker Present? Circle Y or N	Previous Waterbody Visited?			Time of Inspection: Trailer, Boat, Live Well, Motor		Any Plants Found? (Circle Y/N)	Was the Plant Identified as Invasive?	Who Identified?
				Lake Name	Town Name	State	Military TIME				
1			Yes No				Entering		Yes No	Yes No	
							Leaving		Yes No	Yes No	
2			Yes No				Entering		Yes No	Yes No	
							Leaving		Yes No	Yes No	
3			Yes No				Entering		Yes No	Yes No	
							Leaving		Yes No	Yes No	
4			Yes No				Entering		Yes No	Yes No	
							Leaving		Yes No	Yes No	
5			Yes No				Entering		Yes No	Yes No	
							Leaving		Yes No	Yes No	
6			Yes No				Entering		Yes No	Yes No	
							Leaving		Yes No	Yes No	
7			Yes No				Entering		Yes No	Yes No	
							Leaving		Yes No	Yes No	
8			Yes No				Entering		Yes No	Yes No	
							Leaving		Yes No	Yes No	
9			Yes No				Entering		Yes No	Yes No	
							Leaving		Yes No	Yes No	
10			Yes No				Entering		Yes No	Yes No	
							Leaving		Yes No	Yes No	

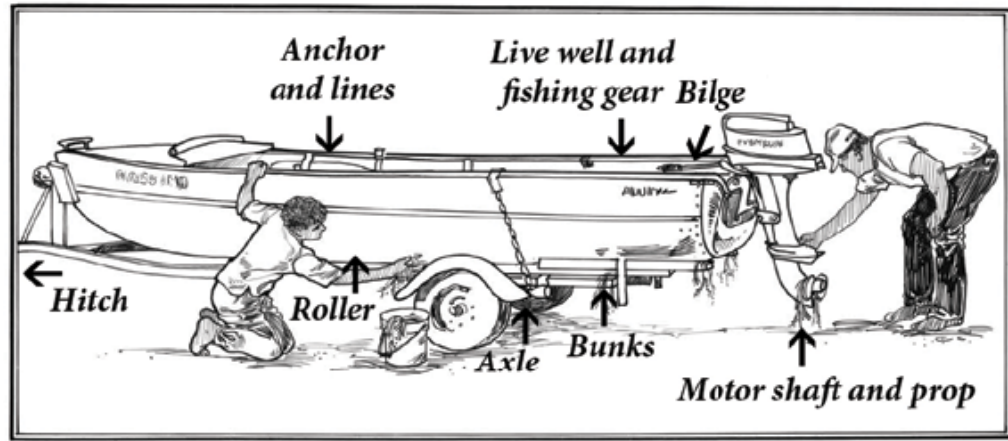
**Send completed Inspection Forms to MDIFW Fisheries Division, 41 SHS, Augusta, ME 04333-0041 OR e-mail to [Jacinta.vogel@maine.gov](mailto:Jacinta.vogel@maine.gov) OR Fax to 207-287-6395**

Comments:

# Watercraft Check Points

## Prevent the Spread of Invasive Aquatic Species

- ◆ Clean off any mud, plants, and animals
- ◆ Drain boat and equipment at the ramp after exiting.
- ◆ Dry boat and equipment before using in another waterbody
- ◆ Never leave waters with live fish, or release plants or animals into a body of water unless they came out of that body of water.



*Inspect all parts of the boat and trailer where plants may be caught including the areas shown in the diagram.*

## What do you do if you find a suspicious plant during the inspection?

- 1) Please e-mail a close-up, digital picture to DEP: [karen.a.hahnel@maine.gov](mailto:karen.a.hahnel@maine.gov)

**OR**

- 2) Mail the suspicious plants to DEP for identification (see below for packaging instructions):  
**Maine DEP Invasive Species Program, State House Station 17, Augusta, Maine 04333 (207-287-7826).**

### What's suspicious?

- 1) Any plant on a boat or equipment (anchor, lines, fishing gear, trailer) removed from a lake with a known infestation should be considered suspicious. Each club hosting a tournament received a brochure listing Maine lakes known to be infested.
- 2) Any plant that you don't recognize as a native plant from your fishing experience.  
If in doubt, send it! If it's not suspicious, throw it away.

### Package your plant fragment

- Keep it wet and cool in the refrigerator until it can be mailed.
- Send the plant sample as soon as possible, preferably early in the week so it doesn't sit in the post office over the weekend.
- Label a sealable plastic bag with date, lake and town, ramp location, inspector's name, host club name, and boat ID (which is the bow registration number, including the state abbreviation).
- Place the wet plant fragment in the plastic bag *without* water. Samples in plastic bags should be packaged for mailing in a rigid container, such as a cardboard box or plastic container. **Do not use mailing envelopes.** Envelopes put through the mail system are often compressed. The bags burst, resulting in wet packages, poor samples, and very unhappy postal personnel.