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JUDITH CAMUSO  
COMMISSIONER

October 26, 2022

Dear Bass Club Representative:

The 2023 Bass Tournament Permit Drawing (Drawing) will be held virtually on **December 8, 2022**. Clubs must pre-register no later than **November 18, 2022**. In the interest of keeping equitable opportunity for all clubs, we will not accept multiple registrations from clubs that add a variation to their name (for example: Pine Tree Club – Summer, Pine Tree Club – North). For additional information on the Drawing and bass tournament rules, please see attached *2023 Bass Tournament Permit Drawing* document as well as our website: [www.maine.gov/ifw](http://www.maine.gov/ifw).

Please make sure your club has submitted all required 2022 weed inspection forms no later than **November 11, 2022**; **we will return Drawing pre-registration requests from clubs who have outstanding 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, along with appropriate change form (date and/or club), no later than **January 27, 2023**. Permits will not be issued if applications are not received by this date and those dates/waters will be released to other clubs.

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 18, 2022 until December 16, 2022. The following water bodies are already taken for 2023 multi-day permits:

China Lake - September 23 & 24, 2023

Cobbosseecontee Lake – October 14 & 15, 2023

Damariscotta Lake - September 9 & 10, 2023

If you need to cancel a scheduled tournament, please contact Jacinta Vogel at 207-287-5261 or [jacinta.vogel@maine.gov](mailto:jacinta.vogel@maine.gov) before the scheduled time of the event. This will prevent your organization as showing delinquent on the 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

PHONE: (207) 287-8000

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## Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

### 2023 Bass Tournament Permit Drawing

The 2023 Bass Tournament Permit Drawing (Drawing) will be held virtually on Thursday, **December 8, 2022** at 6:30 PM via Zoom.

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 filing all required 2022 Weed Inspection forms by **November 11, 2022**. Requests for registration received from applicants who are not deemed qualified will not be accepted and will be returned. Multiple registration requests from one club with name variations will not be accepted (examples: Pine Tree Club – North, Pine Tree Club – Summer).

#### **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 18, 2022**. Pre-registration requests should be mailed (or hand delivered) to: MDIFW, Attn: Jacinta Vogel, **353 Water Street**, 41 SHS, Augusta, ME 04333 (**Please note our new office location**). Incomplete pre-registration requests will not be processed.

**Issuance of List of Qualifying Applicants & Drawing Order** – on or about **December 1, 2022**, MDIFW will publish a list of qualifying registrants. Only those listed will be permitted to participate in the 2023 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.
- 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 27, 2023** 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 27, 2023**; otherwise, tournaments will be forfeited, and permits will not be issued.
- Any requested date changes after **January 27, 2023** will incur a \$7.00 fee (waterbody and club name changes will not be allowed after this date). Date and club names will be allowed until January 27, 2023 with submission of the 2023 Bass Tournament Drawing Application Change Form by the club who selected the tournament at the Drawing.
- Applications for remaining available waters will be accepted starting on **February 24, 2023** 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, 353 Water St., 41 SHS, Augusta, ME 04333.

**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) .

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

**2023 Maine Bass Tournament Permit Drawing Request for Registration**

\*\*\*\*Registration Forms Due by November 18, 2022\*\*\*\*

**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 18, 2022. Please note our address has changed – see above!**

***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:

## 2023 Bass Tournament Permit Drawing via Zoom

### Instructions for Registered Participants

**Date/Time:** Dec 8, 2022 6:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife along with Maine BASS Nation are inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting for the 2023 Bass Tournament Permit Drawing. This will be an online meeting with no in person event.

If you have not downloaded the Zoom app, you can download it via this link (recommended to 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/89951984717?pwd=ZngrZGhndzNKK1NUNEVSSksvdjIwUT09>

Meeting ID: 899 5198 4717

Passcode: 328346

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+1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)

+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

Meeting ID: 899 5198 4717

Passcode: 328346

Find your local number:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kmL4BCXgt>

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

**REQUEST FOR 2023 BASS TOURNAMENT DRAWING APPLICATION CHANGE**

- This form is only valid through January 27, 2023
- This form is to be used to change tournament date and/or club name only for those tournaments selected at the annual bass drawing
- This form must be completed by the club that originally selected the tournament at the drawing
- Waterbodies cannot be changed using this form

We, \_\_\_\_\_  
Club Name

request the following changes to the bass tournament permit application as indicated below:

Waterbody Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Original Date of Tournament (as selected at Drawing): \_\_\_\_\_

Change Date to: \_\_\_\_\_ OR \_\_\_\_\_  
1<sup>ST</sup> Preference 2<sup>ND</sup> Preference

Please Transfer Permit to Another Club: \_\_\_\_\_  
Club Name

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Return form with permit application by **January 27, 2023** to: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife - Fisheries Division, 353 Water St., 41 SHS, Augusta ME 04333-0041.