

STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT OF INLAND FISHERIES & WILDLIFE 353 WATER STREET 41 STATE HOUSE STATION AUGUSTA ME 04333-0041



February 24, 2023

Dear Commercial Sucker Harvester,

This letter is part of the information packet included when you purchase a *Permit to Harvest and Sell Suckers in the State of Maine*. It is intended to expand upon harvesting conditions detailed on the permit application that you should be aware of when harvesting suckers. Be sure to review and comply with **ALL** permit conditions/definitions listed on the application and permit. No changes have been made for the 2023 season.

In 2021 we began allowing coated wire mesh of 5/4" x 5/4" for traps due to its availability. Flexible mesh must be no larger than 3/8" x 3/8" when measured from adjacent corner to adjacent corner (or 3/4" x 3/4" when stretched and measured from opposite corner to opposite corner). These maximum mesh sizes (5/4" for coated wire material and 3/8" for flexible material) apply to all parts of the net including the entrance head and any guide wings.

As a reminder, the wetted width restriction means that your nets cannot block more than 1/3 of the stream. This means that if the water surface of a stream is 9' wide, your net cannot block more than 3' of the stream's width. It is your responsibility to alter net placement if water levels drop to ensure that no more than 1/3 of the stream is blocked. Keep in mind that the wetted width restriction and the 50' minimum distance between nets take into account the entire net, including wings.

By purchasing this permit, you are legally required to report your harvest annually, even if you did not harvest. Your harvest information is essential to the informed management of this public resource and failure to report will result in suspension of your license privileges. You are also making a commitment to follow Maine's Fish and Wildlife Biosecurity Protocols, found at the end of this packet, to prevent the spread of aquatic plants and animals. Lastly, please be respectful of private property and obtain appropriate permissions. Following regulations, preventing the spread of invasive species, and respecting land ownership helps ensure that commercial sucker harvesting can continue.

Thank you.

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Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Sucker Harvest Report Log

Sucker harvesters are required to report their fishing/catch information to the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. All of the data submitted as part of the report is for scientific purposes only. Report information and will remain confidential, except that the commissioner may disclose data released in a form that is statistical or general in nature. Harvesters should report their information on the log forms provided with their permit; additional forms can be requested from the Department or photocopied as needed from the originals you received. Reports must be submitted to Jerrod Parker, Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, 353 Water Street, Augusta, Maine 04333 (or by email: Jerrod.Parker@maine.gov) by **December 31st of each year**. However, we would advise you to send in your report in when you complete your season, as any person who fails to report will be prohibited from obtaining a Sucker Harvest Permit the next year. Remember to file a report even if you did not fish during the current season.

Instructions for Sucker Harvest Report Log

- Harvesters need to report their full name, permit #, address, and telephone #.
- Information is to be recorded for each day, each water fished and for each individual net, in other words data cannot be combined to include more than 1 day or multiple waters/nets. If multiple waters and/or nets are fished on the same date, then a separate entry is required for each water and each net.
- Be sure to record information on zero catch days, which still provides the Department with valuable information on fish abundance and catch rates.
- Data to be recorded for each sucker trapping event includes:

Date – the month/day/year of each trip.

Town – Town name where the deployed gear is located.

County – County name where the deployed gear is located.

Name of Waterbody – name of the primary waterbody listed on harvest permit where gear is deployed (ex. Unity Pond). For purposes of this permit, a "Waterbody" is considered a lake, pond or large river and its tributaries.

Gear Location – name of the actual tributary/stream/brook where gear is located; please be specific as possible (ex. Bithers Brook at Rte. 202 crossing). GPS coordinates are preferred.

Gear Type – the type of gear used on the date and water recorded (i.e. trap-net, fyke-net, hoop-net, dip-net, spear). Please list specific type of gear used and whether it is rigid wire or net material.

Amount Harvested – report the quantity in pounds and include the total number of suckers, so that we can estimate the average size of the suckers you harvested.

Other Species Observed – record any observations about other species that were captured and released on the date and water specified, please include approximate numbers. (for example: "2 dozen sunfish released")

Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Sucker Harvest Report Log

| Last Name: | | | First Nar | ne: | | Phone # | ‡ : | |
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| Permit #: | | | Permit Y | ear: | | Email: | | |
| Date Tended (MM/DD/YY) | Town | County | Name of Waterbody | Gear Location (GPS or description) | Gear Type | Pounds of Sucker Harvested | Number of Sucker Harvested | Other Species Observed (include approximate number) |
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When you have concluded fishing for the season, please send reports to:
Mail: Maine Dept of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife, 353 Water Street, Augusta, Maine 04333
Email: Jerrod.Parker@maine.gov
Questions? Call: (207) 287-3216

| I certify | that the data | contained in | this report is | as accurate | as possible: |
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| | Signature: | | | | |

Waters Closed to the Commercial Harvest of Suckers

| WATER | TOWN | COUNTY | |
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| AUBURN LAKE | AUBURN | ANDROSCOGGIN | |
| LITTLE ANDROSCOGIN RIVER | MECHANIC FALLS | ANDROSCOGGIN | |
| LOWER RANGE POND | POLAND | ANDROSCOGGIN | |
| MIDDLE RANGE POND | POLAND | ANDROSCOGGIN | |
| THE BASIN | AUBURN | ANDROSCOGGIN | |
| TRIPP POND | POLAND | ANDROSCOGGIN | |
| UPPER RANGE POND | POLAND | ANDROSCOGGIN | |
| ******All waters in the Allagash drainage abo | taking of suckers***** | | |
| BLACK LAKE | T15 R09 WELS | AROOSTOOK | |
| CARR POND | T13 R08 WELS | AROOSTOOK | |
| CROSS LAKE | CROSS LAKE TWP | AROOSTOOK | |
| DEBOULLIE LAKE | T15 R09 WELS | AROOSTOOK | |
| DEERING LAKE | WESTON | AROOSTOOK | |
| DENNY POND | T15 R09 WELS | AROOSTOOK | |
| DREWS LAKE | LINNEUS | AROOSTOOK | |
| EAGLE LAKE | EAGLE LAKE | AROOSTOOK | |
| FISH RIVER LAKE | T14 R08 WELS | AROOSTOOK | |
| GALILEE POND | T15 R09 WELS | AROOSTOOK | |
| GARDNER LAKE | T15 R09 WELS | AROOSTOOK | |
| LITTLE BLACK POND, NORTH | T15 R09 WELS | AROOSTOOK | |
| LITTLE BLACK POND, SOUTH | T15 R09 WELS | AROOSTOOK | |
| LONG LAKE AND HARVEY POND | T11&12 R13 WELS | AROOSTOOK | |
| PLEASANT LAKE | ISLAND FALLS | AROOSTOOK | |
| PUSHINEER LAKE | T15 R09 WELS | AROOSTOOK | |
| RED RIVER above RED RIVER FALLS | T15 R09 WELS | AROOSTOOK | |
| ROUND POND | T13 R12 WELS | AROOSTOOK | |
| SQUARE LAKE | T16 R105 WELS | AROOSTOOK | |
| ST. FROID LAKE | WINTERVILLE | AROOSTOOK | |
| UMSASKIS LAKE | T11 R13 WELS | AROOSTOOK | |
| BIG OSSIPPE RIVER | PORTER/HIRAM | CUMBERLAND | |
| BARKER POND | SEBAGO | CUMBERLAND | |
| BRANDY POND | NAPLES | CUMBERLAND | |
| COFFEE POND | CASCO | CUMBERLAND | |
| COLLINS POND | WINDHAM | CUMBERLAND | |
| CRESCENT LAKE | RAYMOND | CUMBERLAND | |
| CROOKED RIVER | NAPLES, CASCO | CUMBERLAND | |
| CRYSTAL LAKE | GRAY | CUMBERLAND | |
| DUNDEE POND | WINDHAM/GORHAM | CUMBERLAND | |
| HANCOCK POND | SEBAGO | CUMBERLAND | |
| JORDAN RIVER | RAYMOND | CUMBERLAND | |
| LITTLE SEBAGO LAKE | WINDHAM | CUMBERLAND | |
| MILL POND | WINDHAM | CUMBERLAND | |

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| MOOSE POND | BRIDGTON, ETC. | CUMBERLAND |
| NORTH GORHAM POND | WINDHAM/GORHAM | CUMBERLAND |
| PANTHER POND | RAYMOND | CUMBERLAND |
| PARKER (LILY) POND | CASCO | CUMBERLAND |
| PEABODY POND | SEBAGO | CUMBERLAND |
| PLEASANT HILL POND | SCARBOROUGH | CUMBERLAND |
| PLEASANT LAKE | CASCO | CUMBERLAND |
| PRESUMPSCOT RIVER | WINDHAM | CUMBERLAND |
| RAYMOND POND | RAYMOND | CUMBERLAND |
| SABBATHDAY LAKE | NEW GLOUCESTER | CUMBERLAND |
| SEBAGO LAKE | NAPLES | CUMBERLAND |
| SONGO RIVER | NAPLES | CUMBERLAND |
| SOUTHEAST POND | SEBAGO | CUMBERLAND |
| THOMAS POND | RAYMOND | CUMBERLAND |
| TRICKEY POND | NAPLES | CUMBERLAND |
| ARNOLD POND | COBURN GORE | FRANKLIN |
| BEAVER MOUNTAIN LAKE | SANDY RIVER PLT | FRANKLIN |
| CHAIN OF PONDS | CHAIN OF PONDS TWP | FRANKLIN |
| DODGE POND | RANGELEY | FRANKLIN |
| KENNEBAGO LAKE | DAVIS TWP | FRANKLIN |
| KENNEBAGO RIVER | STETSONTOWN TWP. | FRANKLIN |
| LITTLE KENNEBAGO LAKE | STETSONTOWN | FRANKLIN |
| LONG POND | TWPS D AND E | FRANKLIN |
| MOOSELOOKMEGUNTIC LAKE | RANGELEY | FRANKLIN |
| QUIMBY POND | RANGELEY | FRANKLIN |
| RANGELEY LAKE | RANGELEY | FRANKLIN |
| VARNUM POND | TEMPLE | FRANKLIN |
| ALLIGATOR LAKE | T 34 MD | HANCOCK |
| BEECH HILL POND | OTIS | HANCOCK |
| BRANCH LAKE | ELLSWORTH | HANCOCK |
| CRAIG POND | ORLAND | HANCOCK |
| DONNELL POND | FRANKLIN | HANCOCK |
| DUCK LAKE | T4 ND | HANCOCK |
| EAGLE LAKE | BAR HARBOR | HANCOCK |
| ECHO LAKE | SW HBR/MT DESERT | HANCOCK |
| GREEN LAKE | ELLSWORTH | HANCOCK |
| HOPKINS POND | MARIAVILLE | HANCOCK |
| LONG POND | MT. DESERT | HANCOCK |
| LORD BROOK | ALL | HANCOCK |
| NARRAGUAGUS RIVER | ALL | HANCOCK |
| NICATOUS LAKE | T40 MD | HANCOCK |
| PHILLIPS LAKE | DEDHAM | HANCOCK |
| SPRING LAKE | T3 ND | HANCOCK |
| TODDY POND | ORLAND | HANCOCK |
| TUNK LAKE | T 10 SD | HANCOCK |
| WEST LAKE | T3 ND | HANCOCK |

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| COBBOSSEECONTEE STREAM | GARDINER | KENNEBEC |
| ECHO LAKE | FAYETTE | KENNEBEC |
| FLYING POND | VIENNA | KENNEBEC |
| GREAT POND | BELGRADE | KENNEBEC |
| KENNEBEC RIVER | AUGUSTA TO WATERVILLE | KENNEBEC |
| McGRATH POND | OAKLAND | KENNEBEC |
| MESSALONSKEE LAKE | BELGRADE | KENNEBEC |
| PARKER POND | FAYETTE | KENNEBEC |
| PLEASANT(MUD) POND | GARDINER | KENNEBEC |
| SEBASTICOOK RIVER | WINSLOW TO BENTON | KENNEBEC |
| SALMON POND | BELGRADE | KENNEBEC |
| ALFORD LAKE | HOPE | KNOX |
| DAMARISCOTTA LAKE | JEFFERSON | LINCOLN |
| SHEEPSCOT RIVER | ALL | LINCOLN |
| ABBOTS POND | SUMNER | OXFORD |
| AZISCOHOS LAKE | LINCOLN PLT | OXFORD |
| B POND | UPTON | OXFORD |
| BRYANT POND | WOODSTOCK | OXFORD |
| COLCORD POND | PORTER | OXFORD |
| HOGAN POND | OXFORD | OXFORD |
| KEZAR LAKE | LOVELL, | OXFORD |
| MAGALLOWAY RIVER | LINCOLN PLT, MAGALLOWAY PLT | OXFORD |
| PARMACHENEE LAKE | LYNCHTOWN TWP | OXFORD |
| POND IN THE RIVER | TOWNSHIP C | OXFORD |
| RICHARDSON LAKES | RICHARDSONTOWN TWP | OXFORD |
| BARKER POND | HIRAM | OXFORD |
| BEAR POND | WATERFORD | OXFORD |
| BIG CLEMONS POND | HIRAM | OXFORD |
| BIG SPECK POND | NORWAY | OXFORD |
| BROKEN BRIDGE POND | ALBANY | OXFORD |
| CANTON LAKE | CANTON | OXFORD |
| CROCKER POND | ALBANY | OXFORD |
| CRYSTAL LAKE | HARRISON | OXFORD |
| CUSHMAN POND | LOVELL | OXFORD |
| HANCOCK POND | DENMARK | OXFORD |
| KEEWAYDIN LAKE | STONEHAM | OXFORD |
| KEOKA LAKE | WATERFORD | OXFORD |
| KEYS POND | SWEDEN | OXFORD |
| LITTLE CONCORD POND | WOODSTOCK | OXFORD |
| LOVEWELL POND | FRYEBURG | OXFORD |
| LOWER KIMBALL POND | FRYEBURG | OXFORD |
| MIDDLE POND | HIRAM | OXFORD |
| MOOSE POND | DENMARK | OXFORD |
| MOSQUITO POND | ALBANY | OXFORD |
| NORWAY LAKE | NORWAY | OXFORD |
| OVERSET POND | GREENWOOD | OXFORD |

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| ROUND POND | ALBANY | OXFORD |
| SAND POND | DENMARK | OXFORD |
| SHAGG POND | WOODSTOCK | OXFORD |
| SOUTH POND | GREENWOOD | OXFORD |
| SOUTHEAST POND | HIRAM | OXFORD |
| STEARN POND | SWEDEN | OXFORD |
| STURTEVANT POND | MAGALLOWAY PLT | OXFORD |
| THOMPSON LAKE | OXFORD | OXFORD |
| TROUT POND | STONEHAM | OXFORD |
| WORTHLEY POND | PERU | OXFORD |
| COLD STREAM | ENFIELD | PENOBSCOT |
| COLD STREAM POND | ENFIELD | PENOBSCOT |
| COLD STREAM POND, UPPER | LINCOLN | PENOBSCOT |
| COVE BROOK | ALL | PENOBSCOT |
| JUNIOR LAKE | PUKAKON TWP | PENOBSCOT |
| LORD BROOK | ALL | PENOBSCOT |
| KENDUSKEAG STREAM (and Direct Tributaries) | ALL | PENOBSCOT |
| MATAGAMON LAKE | T6R8 WELS | PENOBSCOT |
| MUD (PERCH) POND | OLD TOWN | PENOBSCOT |
| PUSHAW POND (LITTLE) | HUDSON | PENOBSCOT |
| PUSHAW LAKE | OLD TOWN | PENOBSCOT |
| PUSHAW STREAM | ALTON,HUDSON, OLD TOWN | PENOBSCOT |
| SANDY STREAM | T2R8 WELS | PENOBSCOT |
| SCRAGGLEY LAKE | T5R1 NBPP | PENOBSCOT |
| SHIN POND (LOWER) | T5R7 WELS | PENOBSCOT |
| SHIN POND (UPPER) | MT. CHASE | PENOBSCOT |
| SYSLADOBSIS LAKE, LOWER | LAKEVILLE | PENOBSCOT |
| SYSLADOBSIS LAKE, UPPER | LAKEVILLE | PENOBSCOT |
| WASSOOKEAG LAKE | DEXTER | PENOBSCOT |
| ALLAGASH LAKE | T8 R14 | PISCATAQUIS |
| BIG REED POND | T8 R10 WELS | PISCATAQUIS |
| CARIBOU LAKE – RAGGEDSTREAM | T2 R12 | PISCATAQUIS |
| CHAMBERLAIN LAKE | T6 R11 ETC. | PISCATAQUIS |
| CHURCHILL LAKE | T9 R12 WELS | PISCATAQUIS |
| CRESENT POND | T9 R15 WELS | PISCATAQUIS |
| EAGLE LAKE & ROUND POND | T8&9 R13 WELS & T7 R12 WELS | PISCATAQUIS |
| JOMARY (LOWER) | T1 R10 WELS | PISCATAQUIS |
| JOMARY (UPPER) | TA R10 WELS | PISCATAQUIS |
| MILLINOCKET LAKE | T07 R09 WELS | PISCATAQUIS |
| MOOSEHEAD L - MOOSE BROOK (FORMERLY SQUAW BROOK) | BIG MOOSE TWP | PISCATAQUIS |
| MOOSEHEAD L - LILY BAY BROOK | LILY BAY | PISCATAQUIS |
| MOOSEHEAD L - SOUTH BROOK | LILY BAY | PISCATAQUIS |
| MOOSEHEAD L - NORTH BROOK | LILY BAY | PISCATAQUIS |
| MUD POND | T9 R15 WELS | PISCATAQUIS |
| MOD FOND | 19 K15 WELS | PISCATAQUIS |

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| MUNSUNGUN LAKE | T08 R10 WELS | PISCATAQUIS |
| PIPER POND | ABBOT | PISCATAQUIS |
| ROUND POND | T6 R11 | PISCATAQUIS |
| SCHOODIC LAKE | LAKEVIEW PLT | PISCATAQUIS |
| SEBOEIS LAKE | T4R9 NWP | PISCATAQUIS |
| TELOS LAKE | T6 R11 | PISCATAQUIS |
| BAKER POND | CARATUNK | SOMERSET |
| BALD MOUNTAIN POND | BALD MOUNTAIN TWP | SOMERSET |
| CARRY POND (WEST) | CARRYING PLC TWP | SOMERSET |
| EMBDEN POND | EMBDEN | SOMERSET |
| KENNEBEC RIVER | FAIRFIELD TO MADISON | SOMERSET |
| KENNEBEC RIVER (and Tributaries in Moscow, Bingham, Embden, Solon, and Concord Twp) | ANSON TO INDIAN STREAM TWP | SOMERSET |
| KINGSBURY POND | KINGSBURY | SOMERSET |
| LAKE GEORGE | CANAAN | SOMERSET |
| MAYFIELD POND | MAYFIELD | SOMERSET |
| MOOSE RIVER | ROCKWOOD | SOMERSET |
| PIERCE POND AND TRIB PONDS | PIERCE POND TWP | SOMERSET |
| PLEASANT POND | CARATUNK | SOMERSET |
| SPRING LAKE | T3 R4 BKP WKR | SOMERSET |
| COVE BROOK | ALL | WALDO |
| DUCKTRAP RIVER | ALL | WALDO |
| BIG LAKE | GRAND LAKE STREAM | WASHINGTON |
| CATHANCE LAKE | COOPER | WASHINGTON |
| DENNYS RIVER | ALL | WASHINGTON |
| EAST GRAND LAKE | DANFORTH | WASHINGTON |
| EAST MACHIAS RIVER | ALL | WASHINGTON |
| EAST MUSQUASH LAKE | TOPSFIELD | WASHINGTON |
| FARROW LAKE | TOPSFIELD | WASHINGTON |
| GARDNER LAKE | EAST MACHIAS | WASHINGTON |
| LAMBERT LAKE | LAMBERT LAKE TWP | WASHINGTON |
| MACHIAS RIVER | ALL | WASHINGTON |
| MOPANG LAKE | T 29 MD | WASHINGTON |
| NARRAGUAGUS RIVER | ALL | WASHINGTON |
| PLEASANT LAKE | KOSSUTH TWP | WASHINGTON |
| PLEASANT RIVER | ALL | WASHINGTON |
| POCUMCUS LAKE | T 06 ND BPP | WASHINGTON |
| SPEDNIC LAKE | VANCEBORO | WASHINGTON |
| WEST GRAND LAKE | GRAND LAKE STREAM | WASHINGTON |
| WEST MUSQUASH LAKE | TALMADGE | WASHINGTON |
| BALCH POND | NEWFIELD | YORK |
| BIG OSSIPPE RIVER | PORTER/HIRAM | YORK |
| GREAT EAST LAKE | ACTON | YORK |
| HORN P | ACTON | YORK |
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| LAKE ARROWHEAD | WATERBORO | YORK |
| LEGION POND | KITTERY | YORK |
| LITTLE OSSIPEE LAKE | WATERBORO | YORK |
| LITTLE OSSIPEE RIVER | WATERBORO | YORK |
| LONG POND | PARSONFILED | YORK |
| MILTON | LEBANON | YORK |
| MOUSAM LAKE | SHAPLEIGH | YORK |
| NORTHEAST P | LEBANON | YORK |
| PICKEREL POND | LIMERICK | YORK |
| SACO R | DAYTON TO BIDDEFORD | YORK |
| SALMON FALLS RIVER | LEBANON TO SOUTH BERWICK | YORK |
| SKELTON FLOWAGE (SACO R) | DAYTON | YORK |
| SPAULDING POND | LEBANON | YORK |
| SQUARE POND | ACTON | YORK |
| TOWNHOUSE P | LEBANON | YORK |
| WEST POND | PARSONFILED | YORK |
| WILSON LAKE | ACTON | YORK |

Maine Dept. of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (MDIFW)

General procedures to minimize the spread of aquatic plants, animals, and pathogens

Since the introduction and spread of certain aquatic animals and plants to our inland waters has the potential to do great harm, **it is illegal** to knowingly transfer them from one body of water to the next. These guidelines are designed to minimize the potential spread of aquatic plants, animals, and pathogens by those individuals that work on the inland waters of our state.

Personnel working with aquatic organisms in state waters should maintain a high standard of biosecurity. Biosecurity is defined as, "practical steps that can be taken to minimize the spread of unwanted organisms." Preventing the spread of aquatic invasive species and diseases of aquatic animals amongst state waters is a directive of the highest priority.

- Brush and use water at the loading/unloading site of the water body to rinse soil, biofilms, egg masses, and other biota before removing gear and equipment for transport. Cleaner equipment is more effectively disinfected.
- Always visually inspect and remove by hand all plants and organisms from gear and equipment before leaving the work site.
- Gear and equipment must be disinfected before transporting to the next water. The disinfection area should be established away from surface waters of the state and other environmentally sensitive areas that could be harmed by disinfection work. Ideally the disinfection area should be of excellent drainage or percolation at a location in which a garden hose is accessible.

Disinfection of gear and Equipment

- <u>Vehicles, ATV's, snowmobiles</u> Trucks, ATV's, and snowmobiles should be washed at car wash facilities. Washing frequency should be reasonably periodic.
- <u>Boats, trailers</u> Remove drain plug and drain bilge water from boats at loading/unloading site of the water body. Boats and trailers can be washed at car wash facilities. Washing frequency should be reasonably periodic.
- Personal equipment and gear Gear and Equipment should be sprayed with a hose to remove soil and organics prior to disinfection. Disinfection for most equipment is best accomplished with submersion in a solution of household bleach and water at a concentration of 1 oz. bleach/gallon of water in a large trash can. Non-water absorbing gear and equipment can be sprayed with disinfectant to thoroughly soak all surfaces. Use of equipment that comes in constant contact with waters of the state, such as waders, dip nets, seines, gloves, etc., should be allowed to set in solution for 10 minutes before rinsing. Chlorinated water should be neutralized with sodium thiosulfate prior to disposal. Disinfection water should never be dumped into waters of the state. Personal protection gear such as gloves and eye protection should always be worn and equipment manufacturer information for proper cleaning method should be consulted. Virkon per manufacturer directions or rubbing alcohol can be substituted where appropriate.
- Water absorbing equipment and gear made with porous materials- To be effective, disinfection should be by submersion with a disinfectant as described above or as an alternative, nets can be soaked in a salt brine (3%) overnight to destroy freshwater aquatic organisms. When possible, nets are to be cleaned, brined, rinsed, and dried in sunlight between uses.

Reporting Requirements

<u>Aquatic animals</u> - Identification of invasive aquatic species should be reported to MDIFW. Contact: Francis Brautigam (207) 287-5263.

<u>Aquatic plants</u> - Unknown species or plants known to be aquatic nuisance species should not be transported unless placed in a sealed container. Small specimens may be transported to the Maine Dept. of Environmental Protection for species identification. Contact: John McPhedran (207) 287-2813.