

MAINE DEPARTMENT OF INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

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Application to Conduct a One Day Bass Tournament on Penobscot River (Milford Dam to Weldon Dam Only- Zones A through D)

Application Cost: \$52.00 for Weigh-in Tournament
\$12.00 Catch, Measure, Release Tournament

Type of application: Weigh-in, choose one: Open OR Club
 Catch, Measure, Release

Bass Club Name: _____

Bass Club Representative Name: _____

Address (*Street and Apt # or PO Box*) _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ **Email Address:** _____

Date of Tournament: _____ **Hours:** _____ AM to _____ PM

Waterbody Name: _____ **Town:** _____

Pick Zone: Milford Dam to Olamon Stream Olamon Stream to West Enfield Dam
 West Enfield Dam to Chester Bridge Chester Bridge to Weldon Dam

Weigh-in Location: _____

- All applicants must provide a notarized affidavit (at least once per year) and include a current listing of club officers and members (with contact information), which indicates at least two members who have participated in an aquatic plant and livewell inspection training program endorsed by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP) within the last five years;
- Each tournament requires at least two aquatic plant and livewell inspectors, that have completed training endorsed by MDEP within the last five years;
- The 3rd Saturday in July is loon count; no tournaments will be allowed to start assembling before 9:00 AM;
- See reverse side of application for definitions and additional requirements.

Signature of Bass Club Representative

Date

NOTE: It is a Class E crime to obtain a permit through fraud, misstatement or misrepresentation (Title 12 MRSA Section 10757)

Please make check payable to: Treasurer, State of Maine. Mail completed application, along with check to: Fisheries Division, Inland Fisheries & Wildlife, 41 SHS, Augusta, ME 04333-0041.

Rules Pertaining to Bass Tournaments on the Penobscot River Between Milford and Weldon Dams

CATCH/MEASURE/RELEASE (CMR) TOURNAMENTS

1. CMR tournaments are permitted during any time within the legal open water fishing season.
2. CMR tournaments are not subject to the zone restrictions established above for weigh-in tournaments.
3. All other existing State laws and rules pertaining to CMR tournaments still apply (e.g. maximum number of boats, maximum prize values, etc.)

WEIGH-IN TOURNAMENTS

1. Establish 4 zones for the permitting of weigh-in bass tournaments in the river section between Milford Dam and Weldon Dam, as follows:
 - a. Milford Dam to Olamon Stream
 - b. Olamon Stream to West Enfield Dam
 - c. West Enfield Dam to Chester Bridge
 - d. Chester Bridge to Weldon Dam

Once a tournament zone (or weigh-in location within a zone) is chosen and a permit issued, fishing will be restricted to waters within that zone. All other water of the Penobscot River and its tributaries, exclusive of the mainstem between Milford and Weldon Dams, would remain under current State rules regarding bass tournaments.

2. No more than 3 weigh-in tournaments per zone per year.
3. Weigh-in tournaments prohibited between May 16 and June 30 and between October 1 and November 30 (Catch/Measure/Release (CMR) tournaments only during these periods).
4. For weigh-ins scheduled from April 1 to May 15 or from July 1 to September 14:
 - a. Set maximum number of boats per tournament at 50.
 - b. Set bag limit at 3 fish/angler for individual participant weigh-ins and 5 per team/boat for team competition weigh-ins.
5. For weigh-ins schedule from September 15 to September 30;
 - a. Set maximum number of boats per tournament at 20.
 - b. Set bag limits same as under 4.b above.
6. All other existing State laws and rules pertaining to weigh-in tournaments which are not modified herein continue to apply to Penobscot River tournaments.