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COMMISSIONER

November 1, 2017

Dear Bass Club Representative:

The 2018 Bass Tournament Permit Drawing will be held on **December 14, 2017** at Togus Veterans Administration. Enclosed you will find "2018 Bass Tournament Permit Drawing" which explains the drawing/application process.

New items this year include a deadline for submitting weed inspection forms to qualify for pre-registration to the drawing and a CMR policy on certain waters:

In the past, some bass waters with catch and release regulations have been limited to catch, measure, and release (CMR) tournaments only. However, this was not consistently applied to all waters with catch and release bass regulations. We reviewed all bass waters and determined that there are five waters in the state with year-round catch and release regulations. These are all low recruitment waters with bass populations that require this no harvest provision. To reduce the likelihood of bass mortality caused from stress and handling on these five waters, CMR only limitation will be applied consistently to all. This will apply to the following waters (all of which are in Washington County): Clifford Lake, Grand Falls Flowage, Upper and Lower Hot Brook Lakes, Spednic Lake, and Wabassus Lake.

Please make sure your club has submitted all required weed inspection forms for 2017 no later than **November 10th**. If you are unsure of your club's status, please call our office at 287-5261. Clubs that are not in compliance with permit conditions will not be eligible to participate in the 2018 bass drawing or be issued permits in 2018.

Clubs registered for the 2018 drawing are eligible to select up to three (3) tournaments with the \$156.00 registration fee. **Clubs are not required to draw three permits at the draw, but the \$156.00 registration fee is NON-REFUNDABLE and CANNOT be used as a future credit.**

All clubs must be pre-registered in order to participate in the draw. In order to pre-register, clubs must submit the following to MDIFW NO LATER than **November 17, 2017 by (5:00 PM)**:

- Pre-registration form
- Affidavit (signed by a notary)
- Check made payable to "Treasurer, State of Maine" in the amount of \$156.00 (non-refundable).

IMPORTANT: Following the Drawing, all applications for those tournaments selected at the Drawing must be received in our office no later than **February 9, 2018, by 5:00 PM.** If applications are not received by this date, other applicants will be allowed to apply for those waterbodies. Please note date change requests after **February 9, 2018** will incur the normal fee. In order to make a date change request, please use the 2018 Bass Tournament Date Change Request form. Any requested changes to waterbody or club will require a new application.

Application forms may be downloaded from our website, www.mefishwildlife.com and will also be available at the drawing. Please note permit application fees are non-refundable.

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.

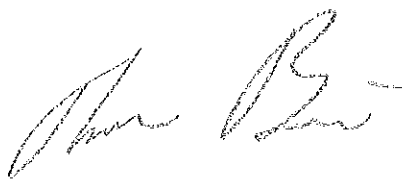
Requests for Multi-day tournaments permits will not be accepted at the drawing. The following water bodies are already taken for 2018 Multi-Day permits:

Cobbosseecontee Lake 9/29/2018-9/30/2018

Sebago Lake 9/9/2018-9/10/2018

If you need to cancel a scheduled tournament, please contact us at 287-5261. 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 for that tournament.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Francis Brautigam". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Francis Brautigam
Director of Fisheries
Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

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2018 Bass Tournament Permit Drawing

To be held on Thursday, **December 14, 2017**, 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 at **7:00 PM**

All interested applicants (clubs, organizations, etc.) who wish to participate in the 2018 drawing **must be qualified and be pre-registered** in accordance with the following (**NO EXCEPTIONS**):

Qualified Applicants are defined as those applicants who are in compliance with previously issued permit conditions, including having met the obligation of filing all required 2017 Weed Inspection forms by no later than **November 10th**. Applications 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 and an Affidavit form;
- 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 credit will not be applied to future tournaments;*
- Pre-registration form, notarized affidavit and check must be received at MDIFW office in Augusta **NO LATER** than the close of business (5:00 PM) on **November 17, 2017**.
- Pre-registration requests should be mailed (or hand delivered) to: MDIFW, Attn: Cristina Stade, 284 State Street, 41 SHS, Augusta, ME 04333. Incomplete pre-registration requests will not be processed.

Issuance of Qualifying Applicants & Drawing Order – on or about **December 8, 2017**, MDIFW will publish a list of qualifying applicants who are qualified to participate in the drawing. Only those listed by MDIFW will be permitted to participate in the 2018 drawing. The list will also designate the order or drawing position of each applicant. This process will be administered by MDIFW by random selection of qualified applicants.

Deferrals – Only the first round of the drawing will include an opportunity for applicants to defer their first round 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.

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

**2018 Maine Bass Tournament Permit Drawing
Request for Registration**

Name of organization: _____

Representative's Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Numbers: Daytime: _____ Cell: _____

Submit form along with executed Affidavit and check made payable to "Treasurer, State of Maine" in the amount of \$156.00 NO LATER than close of business (5:00 PM) **Wednesday, November 17, 2017.**

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.

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.

I certify that all the information given in this affidavit is true and accurate. **A list of your members, along with contact information, must be attached to this affidavit.**

Date

Signature

STATE OF MAINE

_____, **ss.**
(County)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 20____

Notary Public/Attorney
My Commission Expires: