

APPLICATION TO CONDUCT A ONE DAY BASS TOURNAMENT ON MAINE INLAND WATERS

PENOBSCOT RIVER

MILFORD DAM TO WELDON DAM ONLY

(ZONES A THRU D)

CATCH MEASURE & RELEASE TOURNAMENT \$12.00 INDIVIDUAL
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WEIGH-IN TOURNAMENT \$52.00 TEAM

Name of Club or Organization _____ Tel: _____

Name of individual making application _____ (Daytime)

Address _____

Name of aquatic plant & livewell inspector _____ Daytime Tel: _____

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The above named bass fishing club desires to hold a one-day tournament on:

PENOBSCOT RIVER in the town of _____

Zone: _____

Alternate zone (2nd choice)

Location of weigh-in station: _____

We desire to hold this tournament from _____ a.m. to _____ p.m. on _____
Date

If for any reason this permit is not granted, the permit fee will be returned. Each day is considered as a separate tournament.

Date

Signature and title of applicant

Definition of a bass club

For purposes of determining eligibility to apply for a permit to conduct a one-day bass tournament, a "bass club" is defined as any organized group of five or more bass anglers which is able to satisfy one of the following criteria.

- Provide current documentation of being a member club in Bass Anglers Sportsman Society (BASS), North East Bass Association (NEBA) or other nationally recognized bass fishing organization; or
- Provide a current listing of club officers and members along with a signed affidavit affirming that the group, although not affiliated with any nationally recognized bass fishing organization, is a bona fide independent fishing club.

NOTE: (It is a Class E crime to obtain a permit through fraud, misstatement or misrepresentation -Title 12 MRSA Section 7373)

**PENOBSCOT RIVER BASS TOURNAMENT RULES
FROM MILFORD DAM TO WELDON DAM**

CATCH/MEASURER/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 below 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:

<u>ZONES</u>	<u>LAUNCH LOCATIONS</u>
A. Milford Dam to Olamon Stream	(Old Town, Milfrod, Costigan, Greenbush)
B. Olamon Stream to West Enfield Dam	(Passadumkeag)
C. West Enfield Dam to Chester Bridge	(West Enfield, Lincoln, Chester)
D. Chester Bridge to Weldon Dam	(Winn, Mattawamkeag)

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 waters of the Penobscot River and its tributaries, exclusive of the mainstem between Milford and Weldon Dams, would remain 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 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 fish per team/boat for team competing weigh-ins.
5. For weigh-ins scheduled 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.

Make Checks Payable: Treasurer, State of Maine

**Return application to: Fisheries Division
Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife
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Augusta, Maine 04333-0041**

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