

## Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

### 2025 Bass Tournament Permit Drawing

The 2025 Bass Tournament Permit Drawing (Drawing) will be held virtually on Thursday, **December 12, 2024** 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 Aquatic Inspection forms by **November 15, 2024**. 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 (Deadline to submit is Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>):**

- 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 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 show or select tournaments at the drawing that require at least \$156 in fees, **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 **Friday, November 22, 2024**. Pre-registration requests should be mailed (or hand delivered) to: MDIFW, Attn: Fisheries Division, 353 Water Street, 41 SHS, Augusta, ME 04333. Incomplete pre-registration requests will not be processed.

**Issuance of List of Qualifying Applicants & Drawing Order** – on or about **December 6, 2024**, MDIFW will publish a list of qualifying registrants. Only those listed will be permitted to participate in the 2025 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 24, 2025**, to submit applications, date/club change requests and required fees.

- You must complete applications for all tournaments selected at the Drawing and submit to MDIFW by **January 24, 2025**; otherwise, tournaments will be forfeited, and permits will not be issued.
- Any requested date/club changes after **January 24, 2025**, 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 24, 2025**, with submission of the 2025 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 21, 2025**, 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)

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