



2026 Bass Tournament Boat Inspection Form



Lake Name _____ Town _____ Launch Name/Location _____

Date _____ Inspection Time Range: Start _____ End _____ Inspector Name _____ Host _____

Use Military Time

1	State Abbr.	BOW Registration Number	Lake & River Protection Sticker Present? <small>Circle Y or N or NM for non-motorized</small>	Previous Waterbody Visited?			Time of Inspection: Trailer, Boat, Live Well, Motor		Any Plants Found? <small>(Circle Y/N)</small>	Was the Plant Identified as Invasive?	Who Identified?
				Lake Name	Town Name	State	Military TIME				
1			Yes No				Entering		Yes No	Yes No	
							Leaving		Yes No	Yes No	
2			Yes No				Entering		Yes No	Yes No	
							Leaving		Yes No	Yes No	
3			Yes No				Entering		Yes No	Yes No	
							Leaving		Yes No	Yes No	
4			Yes No				Entering		Yes No	Yes No	
							Leaving		Yes No	Yes No	
5			Yes No				Entering		Yes No	Yes No	
							Leaving		Yes No	Yes No	
6			Yes No				Entering		Yes No	Yes No	
							Leaving		Yes No	Yes No	
7			Yes No				Entering		Yes No	Yes No	
							Leaving		Yes No	Yes No	
8			Yes No				Entering		Yes No	Yes No	
							Leaving		Yes No	Yes No	
9			Yes No				Entering		Yes No	Yes No	
							Leaving		Yes No	Yes No	
10			Yes No				Entering		Yes No	Yes No	
							Leaving		Yes No	Yes No	

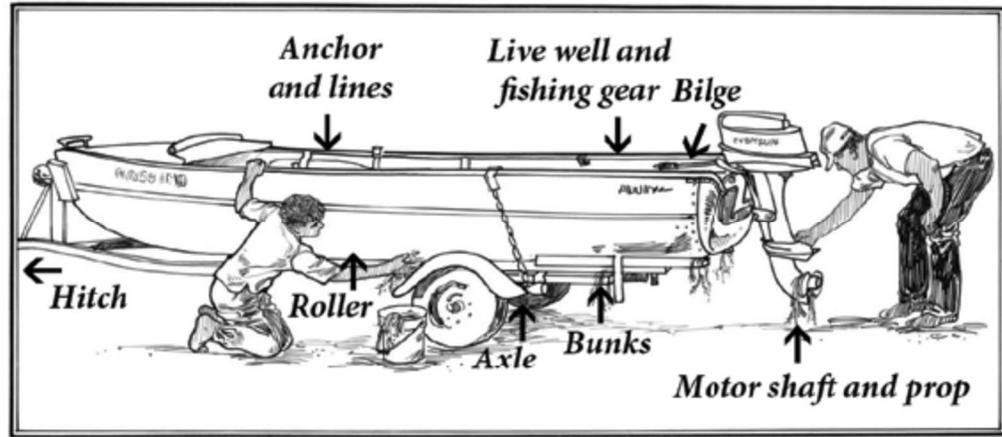
Send completed forms to MDIFW, Attn: Dakota Stankowski, 353 Water Street, Augusta, ME 04333-0041 OR e-mail to AIS.IFW@maine.gov

Comments:

Watercraft Check Points

Prevent the Spread of Invasive Aquatic Species

- ◆ Clean off any mud, plants, and animals
- ◆ Drain boat and equipment at the ramp after exiting.
- ◆ Dry boat and equipment before using in another waterbody
- ◆ Never leave waters with live fish, or release plants or animals into a body of water unless they came out of that body of water.



Inspect all parts of the boat and trailer where plants may be caught including the areas shown in the diagram.

What do you do if you find a suspicious plant during the inspection?

- 1) Please e-mail a close-up, digital picture to DEP: karen.a.hahnel@maine.gov

OR

- 2) Mail the suspicious plants to DEP for identification (see below for packaging instructions):
Maine DEP Invasive Species Program, State House Station 17, Augusta, Maine 04333 (207-287-7826).

What's suspicious?

- 1) Any plant on a boat or equipment (anchor, lines, fishing gear, trailer) removed from a lake with a known infestation should be considered suspicious. Each club hosting a tournament received a brochure listing Maine lakes known to be infested.
- 2) Any plant that you don't recognize as a native plant from your fishing experience.

If in doubt, send it! If it's not suspicious, throw it away.

Package your plant fragment

- Keep it wet and cool in the refrigerator until it can be mailed.
- Send the plant sample as soon as possible, preferably early in the week so it doesn't sit in the post office over the weekend.
- Label a sealable plastic bag with date, lake and town, ramp location, inspector's name, host club name, and boat ID (which is the bow registration number, including the state abbreviation).
- Place the wet plant fragment in the plastic bag *without* water. Samples in plastic bags should be packaged for mailing in a rigid container, such as a cardboard box or plastic container. Do not use mailing envelopes. Envelopes put through the mail system are often compressed. The bags burst, resulting in wet packages, poor samples, and very unhappy postal personnel.