

Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Private Pond Stocking Flow Chart

Text version

What type of fish are you applying to stock?

If you are applying to stock Legal Live-Baitfish Species or Brook Trout: Is your pond near a Maine Heritage Water? If the pond is not near a Maine Heritage Water, then it will be approved with a 5-year permit. If the pond is near a Maine Heritage Water, the application will be denied and MDIFW will work with applicant to select a different species if possible.

If you are applying to stock Brown Trout or Rainbow Trout: Is your pond within an area of concern (see map)? If your pond is not within an area of concern, the application will be approved with a 5-year permit. If your pond is within an area of concern, the application will be denied, and MDIFW will work with the applicant to select different species if possible.

If you are applying to stock Other Native Species the application will go through an internal review process. If the application is denied, MDIFW will work with the applicant to select different species if possible. If the application is approved, applicant will receive an up to 2 Week Permit specifying nearby water(s) permittee can capture and transport live fish from to their pond.

If you are applying to stock Smallmouth or Largemouth Bass: Is your pond in the North Zone? If your pond is in the North Zone, the application will be denied, and MDIFW will work with the applicant to select different species if possible. If your pond is in the South Zone, the application will go through an internal review process. If approved, applicant will receive an up to 2 Week Permit specifying nearby water(s) permittee can follow applicable fishing regulations to capture and transport live fish from to their pond.

If you are applying to stock Non-native Species Not listed here: Is your pond in the North Zone? If your pond is in the North Zone, the application will be denied, and MDIFW will work with the applicant to select different species if possible. If your pond is in the South Zone, the application will go through an internal review process.