



**Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife**  
**353 Water Street, 41 SHS, Augusta, ME 04333**  
**Phone 207-287-8000 / Fax 207-287-9037**

**EEL TAKING PERMIT APPLICATION**

*In accordance with the provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 12506 Eel permit*

**POTS** Fee: \$102.00  
 New Applicant 1420 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Renewal Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

**Weir** Fee: \$102.00  
 Renewal Applicant (must renewal annually) \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Last MI

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Moses ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Eyes: \_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Hair: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street or Road City or Town Zip Code

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (If Different) Street, Road or Box # City or Town Zip Code

Legal Residence: \_\_\_\_\_  
City or Town State

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's License State: \_\_\_\_\_ Driver's License Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Must be Completed by Weir Applicants Only**

Permit allows the taking of American Eels 9 inches or greater in length from internal waters

1. Is This the Same Location Approved in 1995: YES: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Weir Location (one location per permit) Photocopy of Location from A Delorme Atlas Must be Accompany Application.

Body of Water: \_\_\_\_\_ Town: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Landowner(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Landowner(s) Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**MAIL OR FAX APPLICATION WITH THE APPROPRIATE FEE:**  
 Make check payable to: Treasurer, State of Maine

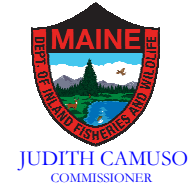
**Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife**  
**Licensing Division**  
 353 Water Street, SHS 41  
 Augusta, ME 04333

Feb, 2022

<b>CREDIT CARD PAYMENT</b>	
All Major Credit Cards Accepted	
Name on Card: _____	
Card #: _____	
Expiration Date: __/__/__	Code: ____



STATE OF MAINE  
DEPARTMENT OF  
INLAND FISHERIES & WILDLIFE  
353 WATER STREET  
41 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA ME 04333-0041



January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022

Dear Eel Pot Permit Holder,

The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife has required commercial American Eel catch data for several years. These data allow us to obtain information on the number of eels harvested in Maine and demonstrate the social and economic importance of the fishing industry. The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's American Eel Management Board, in cooperation with member states, directs the commercial glass, yellow, and silver eel fisheries along the Atlantic coast. The Eel Management Board requires all states with American eel fisheries to track monthly harvest. As a holder of an Eel Pot permit, you are required to submit monthly harvest information.

This packet contains a harvest report form, instructions, and an example. Your first report due is due the first month you purchased the permit and each subsequent month for the year. If you did not fish for the month, please indicate such on the reporting form. The reports need to be submitted by the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month.

**I assure you that all information you provide will be kept in the strictest confidentiality as dictated by the provisions of 12 M.R.S.A §12506.**

**8. Reports required.** A person issued a permit under this section shall submit a completed report on forms provided by the department with the following information: water name and location, including the town and county of waters fished; date fished; total catch; gear type and quantity; number of crew; amount of time the gear is set; total gear in the water; water depth; total time the boat is on the water; species and pounds harvested; license number of the dealer the catch was sold to or the disposition of the catch; town where the catch was brought to shore; boat registration number; vessel name; and the harvester's name, telephone number and permit number. A holder of an eel permit must submit the report by the date specified on the permit. A holder of a sucker, lamprey or yellow perch permit must submit the report by December 31st of each year. All data submitted as part of the report are for scientific purposes only and are confidential and not part of a public record within the meaning of Title 1, chapter 13, subchapter 1, except that the commissioner may disclose data collected under this subsection if that data are released in a form that is statistical or general in nature. If a person issued a permit under this section fails to provide information required under this section, the commissioner may refuse to renew or may revoke that person's permit. If a person becomes ineligible for a permit as a result of a violation of this section, that person may request a hearing in accordance with section 10905.

There are growing concerns regarding the spread of aquatic invasive species in Maine. Some organizations are advocating for additional restrictions on commercial harvests due to the perceived risk of harvest activities spreading species. State laws prohibit transport of aquatic plants on your gears, boats, and trailers. It is also illegal to transport and introduce fish without appropriate permits. To help you comply with the laws and reduce the spread of invasive species, best management practices are included at the end of this packet.

Please submit the report form to the following address:

Jerrod Parker  
Maine Dept of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife  
353 Water Street, SHS 41  
Augusta, Maine 04333  
Or e-mailed to [Jerrod.Parker@maine.gov](mailto:Jerrod.Parker@maine.gov)

If you have questions or concerns, please contact me at 207-557-0591 or [Jerrod.Parker@maine.gov](mailto:Jerrod.Parker@maine.gov)  
Thank you for your cooperation,

Jerrod Parker  
Fisheries Senior Resource Biologist

## **EEL POT DEFINITION AND CONDITIONS FOR OPERATION UNDER A MAINE DIFW EEL TAKING PERMIT**

1. For the purpose of this definition an “eel pot” means a cylindrical or rectangular trap with funnels that is baited and used to harvest eels. An eel pot is 50 cubic feet or less in total volume and utilizes wire or slatting no smaller than ½ inch square measure.
2. Eel pots must be marked with a buoy and shall be clearly labelled with the owner’s name and address. Two or more pots may be placed upon a common line with a single buoy.
3. There shall be no closed season for fishing eels with pots.
4. Eel pots shall be placed in such a manner so as to not obstruct boat launch area, boating channels, swimming areas, or other areas used by recreationist.
5. Eel pots may not be baited with live fish.
6. All eel pots shall be tended at least twice a week. Species not covered under this permit shall be released immediately upon tending of gear.
7. Due to an ongoing eel lifecycle study by the Maine Dept. of Marine Resources, eel pots cannot be placed in West Harbor Pond in Boothbay Harbor and Knickerbocker Pond in Boothbay Harbor.
8. This permit does not give the permittee the right to place fishing gear on private property against the wished of the property owner. Portions of islands and submerged land immediately surrounding islands in the Penobscot River are part of the Penobscot Indian Nation Reservation, and portions of lands in the St. Croix drainage include portions of the Passamaquoddy Reservation. You must receive permission from tribal authorities and/or appropriate landowner(s) prior to using any gear.
9. Harvest reports must be submitted on a monthly basis, by the 10th of each month. If you do not use your permit for the entire year, indicate as such on the form.

## Instructions

### A. Header Information:

- **Harvester Name:** Print name legibly as it appears on your permit.
- **Permit Number:** (found in upper right hand corner of your license).
- **Phone:** Enter a phone number where you may be reached if the form has not been filled out correctly.
- **Vessel Name:** Enter name of boat (if applicable).
- **Boat Registration Number:** Enter state boat registration number.
- **Year:** Enter year of harvest.
- **Month:** Enter month of harvest. Use one form per month.
- **Did Not Fish This Month:** Check this box if you did not fish for the month.

### B. Positive Report Information: If you did attempt to harvest American eels, fill out the following:

*Note: Do not fill out data for days you are only setting out gear; only record the days when you actively fished, even if you did not catch anything.*

- **Date:** Enter the harvest day.
- **# Of Crew:** Number of people including the captain. If you harvested with another licensed person who is also reporting his catch, put your individual catches and efforts on separate forms. When you split your catches, put the crew as 1.
- **Gear Type:** Enter the code for the type of gear used – for Eel Pots use the code PTEI.
- **Gear Quantity:** Enter the quantity of gear used; if you are hauling pots, enter the number of pots hauled that day (e.g., if you hauled 30 pots, enter 30 here)
- **Set Time (hrs):** Enter the average hours of soak time for pots hauled. If entering a different time unit (e.g. days), indicate as such.
- **Total Gear In Water:** Enter the total amount of gear that you had in the water on that day. Skip this if you skipped *Gear Quantity above*.
- **Depth (Ft):** Enter the average depth of the gear in feet.
- **Area Fished:** Lake, river pond or stream name.
- **Boat Time:** Estimate the total harvest time in hours, including travel to and from the harvest location.
- **Species:** For eel pot harvesters it will always be EELA
- **Pounds:** Enter the estimated pounds of the catch in its landed condition.
- **Dealer Land # Or Use Code:** If you sold the catch to a dealer, enter the dealer's landings number here. If you did not sell to a dealer, enter the use code (**Table**) to define the fate of the catch. If you held the catch from multiple trips before selling it to the dealer indicated, put \* next to the dealer license number to indicate it was not sold that day, but held over (or carried) and then sold at a later date.
- **Port Landed (Town):** Enter the port where the catch was landed.

**C. Signature:** Sign.

**D. Comments:** Add any comments you feel are appropriate related to abundance, catch, size of eels landed.

<b>Table of Use Codes</b>	
<b>(License #)</b>	If you sold to a dealer, enter the dealer's number here. If you did not sell to a dealer, use one of the codes below.
<b>AF</b>	Animal food
<b>B</b>	Bait
<b>BM</b>	Biomedical use
<b>EP</b>	Educational purposes
<b>PU</b>	Kept for personal use
<b>O OTHER</b>	(state in comments section)
<b>FO</b>	Retailed to the public for food

Reports are due on a monthly basis by the 10th of the following month.

*Submit reports to:* Jerrod Parker  
Maine Dept of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife  
353 Water Street, SHS 41  
Augusta, ME 04333  
Email: Jerrod.Parker@maine.gov

***If any questions about how to fill out these report forms, call (207) 557-0591***



**MAINE DEPARTMENT OF INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE HARVESTER LOGBOOK**

<b>Harvester Name:</b> <i>Joseph Smith</i>	<b>Vessel Name:</b> <i>Anne Marie</i>	<b>Year:</b> <i>2022</i>
<b>Permit Number:</b> <i>9998</i>	<b>Boat Registration Number:</b> <i>ME3234</i>	<b>Month:</b> <i>June</i>
<b>Phone:</b> <i>207-999-9999</i>		<b>Did Not Fish This Month:</b> <input type="checkbox"/>

Day	# of Crew	Gear Type	Gear Quantity	Set Time (hrs)	Total Gear In Water	Depth (ft)	Area Fished	Boat Time	Species	Pounds	Dealer Land # Or Use Code	Port Landed (Town)
							(See Instructions)					
<i>8</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>PTEI</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Kennebec River</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>EELA</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>9998</i>	<i>Augusta</i>

Use the example above when inland eel pot fishing and selling eels to a dealer

<i>12</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>PTEI</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Kennebec River</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>EELA</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>Augusta</i>
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Use the example above when inland eel pot fishing and using eels as bait

<i>12</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>PTEI</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Kennebec River</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>EELA</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>PU</i>	<i>Augusta</i>
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Use the example above when inland eel pot fishing and keeping eels for personal use

EXAMPLE												

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**COMMENTS:**

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 Augusta, ME 04333  
 Email: Jerrod.Parker@maine.gov  
 If you have questions please call: (207)557-0591

## Maine Dept. of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (MDIFW)

### General procedures to minimize the spread of aquatic plants, animals, and pathogens

Since the introduction and spread of certain aquatic animals and plants to our inland waters has the potential to do great harm, **it is illegal** to knowingly transfer them from one body of water to the next. These guidelines are designed to minimize the potential spread of aquatic plants, animals, and pathogens by those individuals that work on the inland waters of our state.

Personnel working with aquatic organisms in state waters should maintain a high standard of biosecurity. Biosecurity is defined as, “practical steps that can be taken to minimize the spread of unwanted organisms.” Preventing the spread of aquatic invasive species and diseases of aquatic animals amongst state waters is a directive of the highest priority.

- Brush and use water at the loading/unloading site of the water body to rinse soil, biofilms, egg masses, and other biota before removing gear and equipment for transport. Cleaner equipment is more effectively disinfected.
- Always visually inspect and remove by hand all plants and organisms from gear and equipment before leaving the work site.
- Gear and equipment must be disinfected before transporting to the next water. The disinfection area should be established away from surface waters of the state and other environmentally sensitive areas that could be harmed by disinfection work. Ideally the disinfection area should be of excellent drainage or percolation at a location in which a garden hose is accessible.

#### **Disinfection of gear and Equipment**

- Vehicles, ATV's, snowmobiles - Trucks, ATV's, and snowmobiles should be washed at car wash facilities. Washing frequency should be reasonably periodic.
- Boats, trailers - Remove drain plug and drain bilge water from boats at loading/unloading site of the water body. Boats and trailers can be washed at car wash facilities. Washing frequency should be reasonably periodic.
- Personal equipment and gear – Gear and Equipment should be sprayed with a hose to remove soil and organics prior to disinfection. Disinfection for most equipment is best accomplished with submersion in a solution of household bleach and water at a concentration of 1 oz. bleach/ gallon of water in a large trash can. Non-water absorbing gear and equipment can be sprayed with disinfectant to thoroughly soak all surfaces. Use of equipment that comes in constant contact with waters of the state, such as waders, dip nets, seines, gloves, etc., should be allowed to set in solution for 10 minutes before rinsing. Chlorinated water should be neutralized with sodium thiosulfate prior to disposal. Disinfection water should never be dumped into waters of the state. ***Personal protection gear such as gloves and eye protection should always be worn and equipment manufacturer information for proper cleaning method should be consulted.*** Virkon per manufacturer directions or rubbing alcohol can be substituted where appropriate.
- Water absorbing equipment and gear made with porous materials- To be effective, disinfection should be by submersion with a disinfectant as described above or as an alternative, nets can be soaked in a salt brine (3%) overnight to destroy freshwater aquatic organisms. When possible, nets are to be cleaned, brined, rinsed, and dried in sunlight between uses.

#### **Reporting Requirements**

Aquatic animals - Identification of invasive aquatic species should be reported to MDIFW. Contact: Francis Brautigam (207) 287-5263.

Aquatic plants - Unknown species or plants known to be aquatic nuisance species should not be transported unless placed in a sealed container. Small specimens may be transported to the Maine Dept. of Environmental Protection for species identification. Contact: John McPhedran (207) 287-2813.