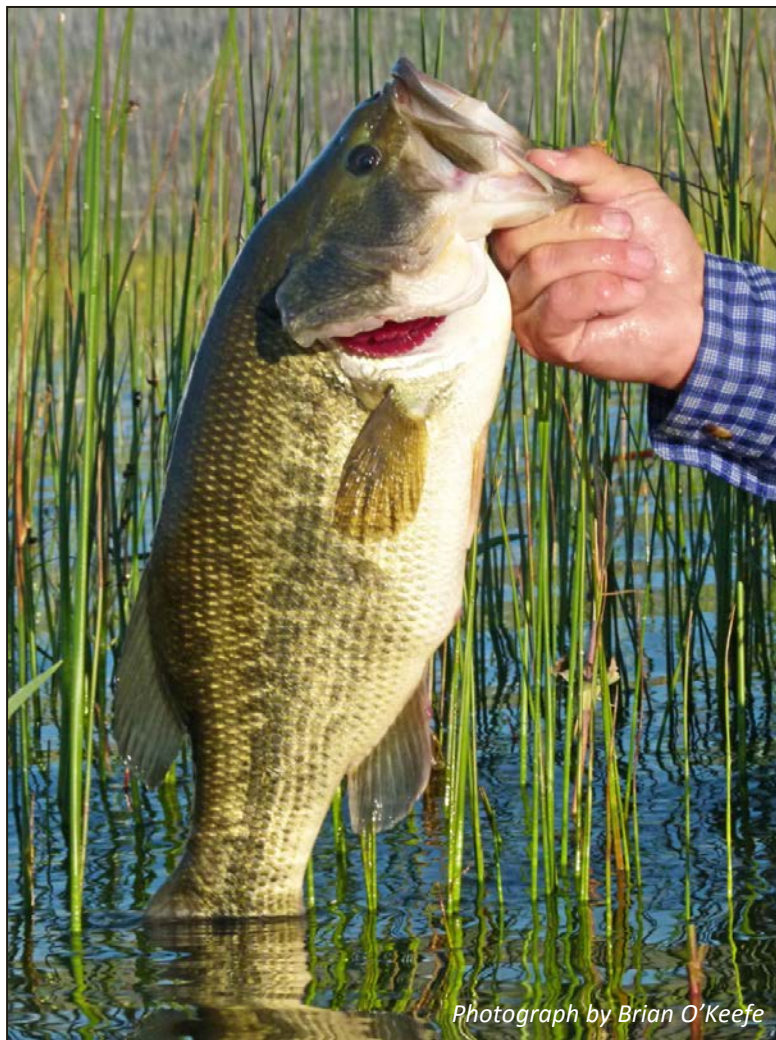


# Guide to Hosting Bass Fishing Tournaments In Oregon

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Bass angling tournaments hosted by local clubs and regional and national organizations are held each year on waters throughout Oregon. Although participants follow good conservation practices, competitions can place significant pressure on a local fishery, particularly those in lakes and reservoirs that annually attract multiple events. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) has established requirements to ensure the bass populations can meet this demand and provide quality recreational opportunity for other anglers.

The requirements for holding a fishing tournament in Oregon are outlined in Oregon Revised Statute (ORS 498.279) and Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR 635-001-0100 and 635-001-0105). This guide will simplify that information and make it easier for tournament directors and others hosting a bass tournament to plan and conduct the event.

## ***What is a bass angling tournament?***

A black bass or bass angling tournament or “contest” is defined as a competition in which prizes are offered for the amount, quality, size, weight, or other physical characteristic of the fish caught where the total value of all cash or merchandise awards exceeds \$25. The general requirements for a bass contest include:

- ✓ The contestants must use aerated live wells or other equipment so that all reasonable efforts are made to maintain the fish taken in a live and healthy condition.
- ✓ All fish caught that are in healthy condition must be immediately returned to the water where they were caught, after weighing. However, in some instances, tournament-caught bass may be used for restocking under the direction of ODFW.
- ✓ Contestants may only use artificial flies and lures, and imitation baits.

## ***I want to host a tournament - what do I need to do?***

All angling tournaments must receive prior approval from ODFW. The specific requirements will vary depending on the size of the tournament (i.e. number of boats or anglers you plan to host or expect to participate), but there are essentially five steps that you'll need to take:

1. Determine the size of the tournament.
2. Receive permission or a permit from ODFW and others to hold the tournament.
3. Ensure the event and/or participants can be easily identified.
4. Ensure event participants follow all catch, possession, and release requirements.
5. Report the tournament results to ODFW.

Now let's go through each of these five steps...



**Determine the size of the tournament.**

Decide first on the size of your tournament and how many anglers and boats will be allowed to participate:

Small Tournament

A small tournament - sometimes referred to as a “club” tournament - will have **fewer than 25 boats or 50 anglers** participating.

Large Tournament

A large tournament - sometimes referred to as an “open” tournament - will have **more than 24 boats or 49 anglers** participating.



**Receive permission or a permit from ODFW and others to hold the tournament.**

Small Tournament

A permit from ODFW is not required for a small tournament. However, to be legal **you must notify** the Oregon State Police (OSP) **and** the local ODFW District Fish Biologist of the location, date, and time of the tournament **at least 10 days prior** to the event.

Notify ODFW via a phone call to the District Fish Biologist for that area unless you have already established another means of contact. For example, some groups annually provide to the appropriate District(s) a letter or email listing the small tournaments they plan to hold in that area during the coming year. Work with the District Fish Biologist to determine which method they prefer. Table 2 lists the contact information for the ODFW staff for the waterbodies where most tournaments are held.

Notify OSP via a letter addressed to the Lieutenant for that OSP Region unless you have already established another means of contact. Table 3 lists the contact information for the OSP staff for the waterbodies where most tournaments are held.

**NOTE: Other Permits or Permission May Be Needed for Access at Specific Locations**

Although ODFW does not require a permit for small tournaments, ODFW manages only the fishery and in most cases not the waterbody itself or access. Be sure to check with the appropriate land manager or land management agency such as the USFS, ACOE, BLM, county, etc. as other permits or approval may be required.

Large Tournament

A permit from ODFW is required for a large tournament. Sponsors must apply for permits **at least 30 days prior** to the event. A copy of the ODFW Bass Tournament Permit Application is attached.

**NOTE: As of the 2017 event year, the cost of a permit for a large tournament is \$108. There is no fee for holding a small or club event.**

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## The Large Tournament Permit Application and Allocation Process

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In 2010, the process by which ODFW accepts large tournament permit applications and allocates those permits was changed. Tournament sponsors requested this change to avoid conflicts that can arise over competition for a limited number of permits available for some waters. The current requirements adopted by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission in 2010 include the following provisions:

- ODFW will accept applications for large bass tournaments beginning **November 1** of the year preceding the year in which the proposed event will be held. Requests will be processed in order of time they were received at the ODFW Salem Headquarters Office (address on the permit application) beginning **December 15**.

**NOTE:** If the number of applications for a waterbody is less than the number of permits available then those received earlier will get preference for event dates. However, the earlier receive date will not guarantee a permit if the number of applications is greater than the number of available permits. In that case, a draw as described below will be needed to allocate permits after any grandfather allocation.

- If an organization has applied for and received a tournament permit for a particular waterbody continuously for the past 25 years, that organization will receive **grandfather rights** to a permit on that waterbody. The grandfather right includes preference among all other successful permit recipients for selecting an event date. That organization will retain grandfather rights as long as it:
  1. Continuously reapplies for a permit for that waterbody every year;
  2. Draws a minimum of 50 participants for any two years in a 3-year period.

If an organization with grandfather rights fails to meet the above criteria, ODFW shall rescind that organization's grandfather rights, in which case it must apply for a permit under the same process as all other groups. However, before a grandfather right is revoked, ODFW may become involved in determining if issues such as safety, weather, or other unforeseeable events **beyond the control of the organization** would prevent meeting the requirements and preclude revocation of the grandfather status.

- **After any organizations with grandfather rights are allotted permits**, the remaining permits for a waterbody will be awarded through the following system:
  1. If the number of applicants is less than the number of available permits then all applicants will receive a permit provided there will be no scheduling conflicts (*see page 9 under Large Tournament*).

2. If the number of applicants is greater than the number of available permits then the remaining permits will be allocated to the competing applicants using a random draw:
  - a. Applicants successful in the random draw will receive a permit. However, if a draw is again needed to issue permits the following year, they will enter that draw with 0 points.
  - b. If an organization is unsuccessful in the random draw, they will receive 1 point toward a potential draw for permits the following year. Every year that an organization applies for a remaining permit and does not draw one, that organization receives an additional 1 point. An organization can only receive a maximum of 1 point per waterbody per year. An organization must apply every year to retain their points; otherwise their accumulated points go to 0.
3. If the number of applicants is greater than the number of available permits **and** there are applicants who have accumulated points from previous draws, permits are first allocated either:
  - a. To the applicant with the most points or
  - b. By random draw among the applicants with the most points.

If permits are still available after this allocation, they will be allocated to the applicant with the next highest number of points and so on until all authorized permits are allocated.

4. If the number of applicants is less than the number of available permits **and** there are applicants with accumulated points, all applicants will receive a permit and any with points lose those points.
5. If an organization with a permit applies for an additional permit for that same waterbody, it will only be considered after all applicants without permits have been granted one.



**NOTE: Other Agencies May Require a Permit for a Small or Large Tournament**

The United States Coast Guard (USCG) or the Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB) may require a Marine Event Permit for a bass fishing tournament regardless of the number of boats participating.

A USCG permit may be required for a tournament that will be held on a waterbody that has been defined by the USCG as a Federally Navigable Water. The current list of Federally Navigable Waters includes the Columbia River, the lower Willamette River up to Willamette Falls, and the Snake River and Brownlee Reservoir.

For waters other than those defined as Federally Navigable, an OSMB Marine Event Permit may be required.

Information about the USCG and OSMB requirements and permit processes can be found at the OSMB web site at <http://www.oregon.gov/OSMB/info/Pages/Marine-Events.aspx>.



**Ensure the event and/or participants can be easily identified.**

Small Tournament

The sponsor must ensure that all boats participating in a small tournament are clearly marked as “Contestant” or “Tournament” in a manner visible without magnification from a minimum distance of 50 yards.

Large Tournament

The sponsor of a large tournament, or a designated representative at the tournament location, must be in possession of the large tournament permit issued by ODFW. The permit must be shown to OSP, ODFW, and other law enforcement or facility management employees on request. A blank example of the Bass Tournament Permit is attached.



## Ensure event participants follow all catch, possession, and release requirements.

### Small and Large Tournaments

The sponsor must ensure that all participants follow the **catch and possession restrictions** that apply to all bass fishing tournaments:

- a. Participants competing as individuals may continue to fish while holding five bass of any size in the livewell, as long as one of the bass is released immediately upon catching a bass.
- b. Two-person teams may continue to fish while holding 10 bass of any size in the livewell, regardless of the number of bass caught by each angler, as long as one of the bass is released immediately when either team member catches a bass. The released bass may be either the bass just caught, or from the livewell. However, if the number of participants on any single boat is three or more anglers, the possession limit per boat is limited to 10 bass of any size.

The sponsor must ensure that all participants follow the **fish release requirements** that apply to all bass fishing tournaments:

- a. Live fish must be released in scattered locations **at least one mile** from the weigh-in site or at locations designated by ODFW. The tournament director or a designee may exceed possession limits for the purpose of transporting fish from the weigh-in site to release sites on the same water.

#### **NOTE: Catch and Release Angling**

The careful handling and release of tournament fish helps protect the resource and ensures it will be available for future events and to other anglers. It also demonstrates the fishery is valued.

A good resource on the care and handling of tournament bass is the BASS publication *Keeping Bass Alive: A Guidebook for Tournament Anglers and Organizers*. Discussed are:

- ✓ What can stress or injure fish and why.
- ✓ How to hook, land, and handle caught fish.
- ✓ How to provide healthy conditions in the livewell.
- ✓ How to set-up and manage the weigh-in site.
- ✓ How to release the fish.

You can find it by visiting the BASS web site at

[http://www.bassmaster.com/sites/default/files/bassmaster2011/imce/KeepingBassAlive\\_guidebook%20comp.pdf](http://www.bassmaster.com/sites/default/files/bassmaster2011/imce/KeepingBassAlive_guidebook%20comp.pdf).



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### Other considerations...

Please remind participants to be especially courteous toward and respectful of other users as it's likely your event be sharing the water as well as parking areas, boat ramps, and marinas with other users. Be conscious of boat speed and wake. Take steps to ensure your organization and tournament bass fishing will continue to be welcomed.



## Report the tournament results to ODFW.

### Small Tournament

There are no reporting requirements for small tournaments. However, sponsors are **encouraged** to submit tournament effort and catch information using the ODFW Bass Tournament Report form. Tournament information is used by ODFW to monitor the status of fish populations and guide management. A copy of the form is attached.

### Large Tournament

The sponsor **is required** to report the results of a large tournament to ODFW **not later than 30 days** after the end of the event using the ODFW Bass Tournament Report form. **Failure to do so can result in denial of future permits.**

The sponsor **is required** to record and report the number and weight of smallmouth and largemouth bass **separately**. In other words, you must report the number of largemouth bass and how much they weighed, **and** the number of smallmouth bass and how much they weighed. Reporting the number of smallmouth and largemouth bass and a combined weight is not acceptable and **will not** meet reporting requirements. **Failure to submit reports that meet this requirement will be grounds for denial of bass tournament permits in the future.**

**The Fish and Wildlife Commission may order closure of any waters to tournaments when the Commission considers such action necessary to protect wildlife resources.**


### For any questions, please contact:

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## Other Commonly Asked Questions

***The lake where we want to hold a tournament has special regulations. Can we bring fish in for the weigh-in that would otherwise be illegal to possess?***

As you read above in  regarding **catch and possession restrictions**, tournament anglers are exempt from normal bag and length limits, so it's important you're able to show that the anglers are participating in an approved event. For a large tournament, you'll need to have a tournament permit issued by ODFW. For a small tournament, you'll need to have contacted OSP and the local ODFW biologist and have tournament banners visible showing you are conducting a small event.

***We want to host a tournament on the Columbia River. Do we also need a Washington permit or Washington fishing licenses?***

A large or small tournament held on the Columbia River that launches from Oregon and/or fishes Oregon waters (waters between two points of Oregon land such as a slough, bay, or cove on the Oregon side) requires a permit from ODFW (large) or that ODFW and OSP be notified (small) as outlined above. The tournament **does not** need a Washington permit to fish along the Washington shore of the Columbia if:

- a) The participants **are not** fishing in water inside two points of Washington land (i.e., a slough, bay or cove on the Washington side) or
- b) The participants **are not** in the mainstem of the Columbia upstream from the Oregon-Washington state boundary (i.e. McNary Pool north of the Oregon boundary).

***We want to host a tournament on Brownlee Reservoir, which lies on the Oregon-Idaho border. Do the tournament anglers need to have a fishing license from Oregon, Idaho, or both states? From which state do we need to obtain a tournament permit?***

- a) If the tournament anglers are fishing the main body of Brownlee Reservoir and/or water between two points of Idaho land such as the Brownlee Creek arm they need only an Oregon or Idaho angling license and can fish under a tournament permit issued by Oregon or Idaho.
- b) If the tournament anglers are fishing in water between two points of Oregon land such as the Powder River arm, they need an Oregon angling license. However, the tournament permit can be issued by Oregon or Idaho.

***Are there any restrictions on the size of a tournament that can be held or on the number of tournaments that can be held annually on any particular waterbody?***

**Small Tournament**

There are no restrictions on the number of small tournaments that may be held on a waterbody. However, tournament hosts will want to coordinate with one another as is practical to avoid holding two small events on that water the same day.

ODFW will not *typically* deny a small tournament request only because another small tournament is scheduled for the same water on the same day. Any potential conflicts that may arise between groups due to the scheduling of small tournaments will need to be resolved by the tournament hosts.

**Large Tournament**

No more than one large or permitted tournament may be held on any water body within any thirteen-day period, except for the Columbia River (see below). This effectively means that for tournaments held on weekends (i.e. Saturday and/or Sunday) successive events could be held on the same water body no more often than every second weekend.

The frequency and size of large tournaments is further limited as follows by the surface area of the water on which the event will be held as defined by the Atlas of Oregon Lakes (Oregon State University Press, 1985):

Surface Area at Full Pool (acres)	Maximum Number of Permitted Tournaments per Calendar Year	Maximum Number of Boats per Tournament
< 900	0	0
900-1,500	4	50
1,501-5,000	6	75
>5,000	8	No limit

Table 1 shows the maximum number of large tournaments that can be held annually on some of the more popular tournament waters in Oregon and the maximum number of participating boats allowed.

**Columbia River Tournaments**

More than one tournament may be held in any 13-day period on the Columbia River downstream from Bonneville Dam, including the Willamette River upstream to Willamette Falls, and the Columbia River impoundments provided the tournament launch sites are 10 or more river miles apart as defined by the River Mile Index for the Main Stem Columbia River (Hydrology Subcommittee of the Columbia Basin Inter-Agency Committee, 1962) and the Willamette River Recreation Guide (Oregon State Marine Board and Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, 1998).

***We take good care of the bass caught during tournaments, but occasionally a fish may die. What are we required to do with the dead fish?***

It is **illegal** for the participants or the tournament sponsor to keep fish after a tournament ends. However, the tournament director may dispose of **fish that die** during or as a result of tournament activities in the following manner:

- The fish may be donated in accordance with local bag and possession limits to individuals at the weigh-in site not participating in or with the tournament. The tournament sponsor must issue a receipt for donated fish that must stay with the fish. The receipt must include the name of the recipient and the species and number of fish donated.

The tournament director may exceed the bag or possession limit in order to transport and dispose of dead fish as specified by ODFW, or to donate them to:

- Public and charitable institutions such as welfare organizations, churches, etc.
- Persons determined to be eligible because of low income or medical reasons.
- Wildlife rehabilitators licensed by ODFW.
- Rendering plants or pet food manufacturers.

***Oregon requires an Aquatic Invasive Species Program Permit (AISPP) for all motorized and non-motorized watercraft 10 feet or longer in length. Are similar permits needed from Washington or Idaho when fishing border waters such as the Columbia River or Brownlee Reservoir?***

Columbia River Downstream of the Washington State Border

Washington does not currently have an aquatic invasive species permit requirement, so Oregon boaters need only the Oregon AISPP when fishing the Columbia River. Washington boaters fishing the main channel of the river do not need to possess the Oregon AISPP and can launch from either the Washington or Oregon shore. However, they need to carry the Oregon AISPP if they are fishing areas along the Oregon side of the river that lie between two points of Oregon land such as a slough, bay, or cove.

Brownlee Reservoir

Idaho has an aquatic invasive species permit program that requires Idaho boats to have the Idaho Invasive Species Fund (ISF) sticker. Boaters fishing Brownlee Reservoir can carry either the Oregon AISPP or Idaho ISF sticker provided they are fishing in the main body of the reservoir. Oregon or Idaho boaters fishing in the Powder River arm, however, must carry the Oregon AISPP. Idaho boaters fishing other Oregon waters such as Owyhee Reservoir must carry the Oregon AISPP.



## PREVENT THE SPREAD OF AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES

Oregon bass anglers participate in tournaments throughout the state and across the country. The movement of boats, trailers, and other equipment between waterbodies presents the risk of transporting invasive plants and animals and introducing them into new waters.

Quagga and zebra mussels are now established in some of the lakes and reservoirs that Oregon anglers travel to in Arizona, Nevada, and California where they are causing significant and costly damage. Several species of exotic and invasive aquatic plants and animals including Eurasian watermilfoil and the New Zealand mud snail are already found in Oregon waters where they affect the quality of fisheries and angling access and could be spread to other locations.

Oregon boaters are required to carry an Aquatic Invasive Species Program Permit (AISPP). For motorized boats, a valid Oregon Motorized Boat Registration sticker serves as your AISPP. Information about the permit and the AIS program can be found on the ODFW website at [http://www.dfw.state.or.us/conservationstrategy/invasive\\_species/quagga\\_zebra\\_mussel.asp](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/conservationstrategy/invasive_species/quagga_zebra_mussel.asp) and on the Oregon State Marine Board website at <http://www.oregon.gov/OSMB/boater-info/Pages/Aquatic-Invasive-Species-Program.aspx>.

Tournament sponsors can help by ensuring that all participating boats are clean and event anglers are doing their part to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species. For information on how to receive boat inspection training or to have AIS program staff present at your event, please contact the ODFW Invasive Species Coordinator at 503-947-6308 or via email at [Rick.J.Boatner@state.or.us](mailto:Rick.J.Boatner@state.or.us).

**STOP OREGON'S INVADERS!**

**Protect Oregon's Waterways**

**STATE LAW** requires all watercraft 10' long and longer to possess an Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Permit.

**STATE LAW** prohibits launching a boat with ANY aquatic species on the hull, motor, trailer or any other exterior surface.

**Always Inspect and Clean these Areas**

Vehicle, Hull, Trailer, Axle, Rollers/Bunks, Motor/Propeller, Dock Lines, Storage, Anchor, Live Wells, Bilge

**CLEAN** all aquatic plants, animals and mud from your vehicle, boat, motor or trailer and discard in the trash. Rinse, scrub or pressure wash, as appropriate away from storm drains, ditches or waterways.

**DRAIN** livewell, bilge and all internal compartments.

**DRY** your boat between uses if possible. Leave compartments open and sponge out standing water.

**Clean Boats Protect Clean Waterways**

To report invasive species call 1-866-INVADER (468-2337)  
Or report at [www.oregoninvasiveshotline.org](http://www.oregoninvasiveshotline.org)  
For more information visit [www.boatoregon.com](http://www.boatoregon.com)

**INVASIVE SPECIES IN OREGON**

- EURASIAN WATERMILFOIL (*Myriophyllum spicatum*)
- NEW ZEALAND MUDSNAILS (*Potamopyrgus antipodensis*)

**INVASIVE SPECIES NEAR OUR BORDERS**

- HYDRILLA (*Hydrilla verticillata*)
- ZEBRA / QUAGGA MUSSELS (*Dreissena* sp.)

Table 1. The maximum number of large tournaments (more than 24 boats or 49 anglers) that can be held annually on some of the more popular tournament waters in Oregon and the maximum number of participating boats allowed.

<b>Waterbody by Size (surface area)</b>	
<p><b>Less than 900 acres</b> Devils Lake</p>	<b>No open tournaments permitted</b>
<p><b>900 to 1,500 acres</b> Bully Creek Reservoir Cottage Grove Reservoir Hyatt Reservoir McKay Reservoir North Tenmile Lake Phillips Reservoir</p>	<b>4 tournaments permitted per year; 50 boat limit</b>
<p><b>1,501 to 5,000 acres</b> Crane Prairie Reservoir Dorena Reservoir Fall Creek Reservoir Green Peter Reservoir Hells Canyon Reservoir Hills Creek Reservoir Howard Prairie Reservoir Lake Billy Chinook Lost Creek Reservoir North and South Tenmile Lakes (combined) Prineville Reservoir Siltcoos Lake South Tenmile Lake (Tenmile Lake) Tahkenitch Lake Warm Springs Reservoir</p>	<b>6 tournaments permitted per year; 75 boat limit</b>
<p><b>Larger than 5,000 Acres</b> Brownlee Reservoir Fern Ridge Reservoir Owyhee Reservoir Wickiup Reservoir Columbia River below Bonneville Dam (includes tournaments launched on Lower Willamette R) Columbia River – Bonneville Pool Columbia River - The Dalles Pool (Lake Celilo) Columbia River - John Day Pool (Lake Umatilla) Columbia River - McNary Pool (Lake Wallula)</p>	<b>8 tournaments per year; no boat limit</b>

Table 2. List by Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations Zone and waterbody of ODFW staff to contact before holding a small fishing tournament (fewer than 25 boats or 50 anglers).

Regulations Zone	Waterbody	ODFW Fish Biologist	ODFW Office	ODFW Phone	ODFW Mailing Address
Northwest	Cullaby Lake	North Coast	Tillamook	(503) 842-2741	4907 Third St, Tillamook OR 97141
	Devils Lake	Mid Coast	Newport	(541) 265-8306	810 SW Alder St, Unit C, Newport OR 97365
	Mercer Lake	Mid Coast	Newport	(541) 265-8306	810 SW Alder St, Unit C, Newport OR 97365
	Siltcoos Lake	Mid Coast	Newport	(541) 265-8306	810 SW Alder St, Unit C, Newport OR 97365
	Tahkenitch Lake	Mid Coast	Newport	(541) 265-8306	810 SW Alder St, Unit C, Newport OR 97365
	Triangle Lake	Mid Coast	Newport	(541) 265-8306	810 SW Alder St, Unit C, Newport OR 97365
	Woahink Lake	Mid Coast	Newport	(541) 265-8306	810 SW Alder St, Unit C, Newport OR 97365
Southwest	Applegate Reservoir	Upper Rogue	Central Point	(541) 826-8774	1495 East Gregory Rd, Central Point OR 97502
	Ben Irving Reservoir	Umpqua	Roseburg	(541) 440-3353	4192 N Umpqua Hwy, Roseburg OR 97470
	Cooper Creek Reservoir	Umpqua	Roseburg	(541) 440-3353	4192 N Umpqua Hwy, Roseburg OR 97470
	Eel Lake	Coos-Coquille	Charleston	(541) 888-5515	PO Box 5430 63538 Boat Basin Dr, Charleston OR 97420
	Emigrant Reservoir	Upper Rogue	Central Point	(541) 826-8774	1495 East Gregory Rd, Central Point OR 97502
	Galesville Reservoir	Umpqua	Roseburg	(541) 440-3353	4192 N Umpqua Hwy, Roseburg OR 97470
	Garrison Lake	South Coast	Gold Beach	(541) 247-7605	PO Box 642 29907 Airport Way, Gold Beach OR 97444
	Howard Prairie Reservoir	Upper Rogue	Central Point	(541) 826-8774	1495 East Gregory Rd, Central Point OR 97502
	Hyatt Reservoir	Upper Rogue	Central Point	(541) 826-8774	1495 East Gregory Rd, Central Point OR 97502
	Loon Lake	Umpqua	Roseburg	(541) 440-3353	4192 N Umpqua Hwy, Roseburg OR 97470
	Lost Creek Reservoir	Upper Rogue	Central Point	(541) 826-8774	1495 East Gregory Rd, Central Point OR 97502
	North Tenmile Lake	Coos-Coquille	Charleston	(541) 888-5515	PO Box 5430 63538 Boat Basin Dr, Charleston OR 97420
	South Tenmile Lake	Coos-Coquille	Charleston	(541) 888-5515	PO Box 5430 63538 Boat Basin Dr, Charleston OR 97420
Umpqua River (lower)	Umpqua	Roseburg	(541) 440-3353	4192 N Umpqua Hwy, Roseburg OR 97470	
Willamette	Cottage Grove Reservoir	Upper Willamette	Springfield	(541) 726-3515	3150 E Main St, Springfield OR 97478-5800
	Dorena Reservoir	Upper Willamette	Springfield	(541) 726-3515	3150 E Main St, Springfield OR 97478-5800
	Fall Creek Reservoir	Upper Willamette	Springfield	(541) 726-3515	3150 E Main St, Springfield OR 97478-5800
	Fern Ridge Reservoir	Mid Willamette	Corvallis	(541) 757-4186	7118 NE Vandenberg Ave, Corvallis OR 97330-9446
	Foster Reservoir	Mid Willamette	Corvallis	(541) 757-4186	7118 NE Vandenberg Ave, Corvallis OR 97330-9446
	Green Peter Reservoir	Mid Willamette	Corvallis	(541) 757-4186	7118 NE Vandenberg Ave, Corvallis OR 97330-9446
	Henry Hagg Lake	Lower Willamette West	Clackamas	(971) 673-6000	17330 SE Evelyn St, Clackamas OR 97015
	Hills Creek Reservoir	Upper Willamette	Springfield	(541) 726-3515	3150 E Main St, Springfield OR 97478-5800
	Lookout Point Reservoir	Upper Willamette	Springfield	(541) 726-3515	3150 E Main St, Springfield OR 97478-5800
	Willamette River (lower)	Lower Willamette East	Clackamas	(971) 673-6000	17330 SE Evelyn St, Clackamas OR 97015
	Willamette River (upper)	Mid Willamette	Corvallis	(541) 757-4186	7118 NE Vandenberg Ave, Corvallis OR 97330-9446

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Regulations Zone	Waterbody	ODFW Fish Biologist	ODFW Office	ODFW Phone	ODFW Mailing Address
Central	Crane Prairie Reservoir	Deschutes	Bend	(541) 388-6363	61374 Parrell Rd, Bend OR 97702
	Haystack Reservoir	Deschutes	Bend	(541) 388-6363	61374 Parrell Rd, Bend OR 97702
	Lake Billy Chinook	Deschutes	Bend	(541) 388-6363	61374 Parrell Rd, Bend OR 97702
	Prineville Reservoir	Deschutes	Bend	(541) 388-6363	61374 Parrell Rd, Bend OR 97702
	Wickiup Reservoir	Deschutes	Bend	(541) 388-6363	61374 Parrell Rd, Bend OR 97702
Northeast	McKay Reservoir	Umatilla	Pendleton	(541) 276-2344	73471 Mytinger Lane, Pendleton OR 97801
	Willow Creek Reservoir	Umatilla	Pendleton	(541) 276-2344	73471 Mytinger Lane, Pendleton OR 97801
Southeast	Bully Creek Reservoir	Malheur	Hines	(541) 573-6582	PO Box 8, Hines, OR 97738
	Gerber Reservoir	Klamath	Klamath Falls	(541) 883-5732	1850 Miller Island Rd. W, Klamath Falls OR 97603
	Lake of the Woods	Klamath	Klamath Falls	(541) 883-5732	1850 Miller Island Rd. W, Klamath Falls OR 97603
	Owyhee Reservoir	Malheur	Hines	(541) 573-6582	PO Box 8, Hines, OR 97738
	Phillips Reservoir	La Grande	LaGrande	(541) 963-2138	107 20 <sup>th</sup> St, La Grande OR 97850
	Thief Valley Reservoir	La Grande	LaGrande	(541) 963-2138	107 20 <sup>th</sup> St, La Grande OR 97850
	JC Boyle (Topsy) Reservoir	Klamath	Klamath Falls	(541) 883-5732	1850 Miller Island Rd. W, Klamath Falls OR 97603
	Warm Spring Reservoir	Malheur	Hines	(541) 388-6363	PO Box 8, Hines, OR 97738
	Unity Reservoir	La Grande	LaGrande	(541) 963-2138	107 20 <sup>th</sup> St, La Grande OR 97850
	Willow Valley Reservoir	Klamath	Klamath Falls	(541) 883-5732	1850 Miller Island Rd. W, Klamath Falls OR 97603
Snake R	Hells Canyon Reservoir	La Grande	La Grande	(541) 963-2138	107 20 <sup>th</sup> St, La Grande OR 97850
	Oxbow Reservoir	La Grande	La Grande	(541) 963-2138	107 20 <sup>th</sup> St, La Grande OR 97850
	Brownlee Reservoir	La Grande	La Grande	(541) 963-2138	107 20 <sup>th</sup> St, La Grande OR 97850
Columbia R	Col R (below Bonneville)	Lower Willamette East	Clackamas	(971) 673-6000	17330 SE Evelyn St, Clackamas OR 97015
	Col R – Bonneville Pool	Mid Columbia	The Dalles	(541) 296-4628	3701 W 13 <sup>th</sup> St, The Dalles OR 97058
	Col R – The Dalles Pool	Mid Columbia	The Dalles	(541) 296-4628	3701 W 13 <sup>th</sup> St, The Dalles OR 97058
	Col R – John Day Pool	Umatilla	Pendleton	(541) 276-2344	73471 Mytinger Lane, Pendleton OR 97801
	Col R – McNary Pool	Umatilla	Pendleton	(541) 276-2344	73471 Mytinger Lane, Pendleton OR 97801



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Regulations Zone	Waterbody	OSP Region	OSP Contact	OSP Mailing Address
Northwest	Cullaby Lake	Northwest	Lt. Casey Thomas	3710 Portland Rd NE, Salem, OR 97303
	Devils Lake	Northwest	Lt. Casey Thomas	3710 Portland Rd NE, Salem, OR 97303
	Mercer Lake	Southwest	Lt. David Gifford	4500 Rogue Valley Hwy Suite A, Central Point, OR 97502
	Siltcoos Lake	Southwest	Lt. David Gifford	4500 Rogue Valley Hwy Suite A, Central Point, OR 97502
	Tahkenitch Lake	Southwest	Lt. David Gifford	4500 Rogue Valley Hwy Suite A, Central Point, OR 97502
	Triangle Lake	Southwest	Lt. David Gifford	4500 Rogue Valley Hwy Suite A, Central Point, OR 97502
	Woahink Lake	Southwest	Lt. David Gifford	4500 Rogue Valley Hwy Suite A, Central Point, OR 97502
Southwest	Applegate Reservoir	Southwest	Lt. David Gifford	4500 Rogue Valley Hwy Suite A, Central Point, OR 97502
	Ben Irving Reservoir	Southwest	Lt. David Gifford	4500 Rogue Valley Hwy Suite A, Central Point, OR 97502
	Cooper Creek Reservoir	Southwest	Lt. David Gifford	4500 Rogue Valley Hwy Suite A, Central Point, OR 97502
	Eel Lake	Southwest	Lt. David Gifford	4500 Rogue Valley Hwy Suite A, Central Point, OR 97502
	Emigrant Reservoir	Southwest	Lt. David Gifford	4500 Rogue Valley Hwy Suite A, Central Point, OR 97502
	Galesville Reservoir	Southwest	Lt. David Gifford	4500 Rogue Valley Hwy Suite A, Central Point, OR 97502
	Garrison Lake	Southwest	Lt. David Gifford	4500 Rogue Valley Hwy Suite A, Central Point, OR 97502
	Howard Prairie Reservoir	Southwest	Lt. David Gifford	4500 Rogue Valley Hwy Suite A, Central Point, OR 97502
	Hyatt Reservoir	Southwest	Lt. David Gifford	4500 Rogue Valley Hwy Suite A, Central Point, OR 97502
	Loon Lake	Southwest	Lt. David Gifford	4500 Rogue Valley Hwy Suite A, Central Point, OR 97502
	Lost Creek Reservoir	Southwest	Lt. David Gifford	4500 Rogue Valley Hwy Suite A, Central Point, OR 97502
	North Tenmile Lake	Southwest	Lt. David Gifford	4500 Rogue Valley Hwy Suite A, Central Point, OR 97502
	South Tenmile Lake	Southwest	Lt. David Gifford	4500 Rogue Valley Hwy Suite A, Central Point, OR 97502
Umpqua River (lower)	Southwest	Lt. David Gifford	4500 Rogue Valley Hwy Suite A, Central Point, OR 97502	
Willamette	Cottage Grove Reservoir	Southwest	Lt. David Gifford	4500 Rogue Valley Hwy Suite A, Central Point, OR 97502
	Dorena Reservoir	Southwest	Lt. David Gifford	4500 Rogue Valley Hwy Suite A, Central Point, OR 97502
	Fall Creek Reservoir	Southwest	Lt. David Gifford	4500 Rogue Valley Hwy Suite A, Central Point, OR 97502
	Fern Ridge Reservoir	Southwest	Lt. David Gifford	4500 Rogue Valley Hwy Suite A, Central Point, OR 97502
	Foster Reservoir	Northwest	Lt. Casey Thomas	3710 Portland Rd NE, Salem, OR 97303
	Green Peter Reservoir	Northwest	Lt. Casey Thomas	3710 Portland Rd NE, Salem, OR 97303
	Henry Hagg Lake	Northwest	Lt. Casey Thomas	3710 Portland Rd NE, Salem, OR 97303
	Hills Creek Reservoir	Southwest	Lt. David Gifford	4500 Rogue Valley Hwy Suite A, Central Point, OR 97502
	Lookout Point Reservoir	Southwest	Lt. David Gifford	4500 Rogue Valley Hwy Suite A, Central Point, OR 97502
	Willamette River (lower)	Northwest	Lt. Casey Thomas	3710 Portland Rd NE, Salem, OR 97303
	Willamette River (upper)	Northwest	Lt. Casey Thomas	3710 Portland Rd NE, Salem, OR 97303

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Central	Crane Prairie Reservoir	East	Lt. Tim Schwartz	20355 Poe Sholes Drive, Suite 100, Bend, OR 97701
	Haystack Reservoir	East	Lt. Tim Schwartz	20355 Poe Sholes Drive, Suite 100, Bend, OR 97701
	Lake Billy Chinook	East	Lt. Tim Schwartz	20355 Poe Sholes Drive, Suite 100, Bend, OR 97701
	Prineville Reservoir	East	Lt. Tim Schwartz	20355 Poe Sholes Drive, Suite 100, Bend, OR 97701
	Wickiup Reservoir	East	Lt. Tim Schwartz	20355 Poe Sholes Drive, Suite 100, Bend, OR 97701
Northeast	McKay Reservoir	East	Lt. Tim Schwartz	20355 Poe Sholes Drive, Suite 100, Bend, OR 97701
	Willow Creek Reservoir	East	Lt. Tim Schwartz	20355 Poe Sholes Drive, Suite 100, Bend, OR 97701
Southeast	Bully Creek Reservoir	East	Lt. Tim Schwartz	20355 Poe Sholes Drive, Suite 100, Bend, OR 97701
	Gerber Reservoir	Southwest	Lt. David Gifford	4500 Rogue Valley Hwy Suite A, Central Point, OR 97502
	Lake of the Woods	Southwest	Lt. David Gifford	4500 Rogue Valley Hwy Suite A, Central Point, OR 97502
	Owyhee Reservoir	East	Lt. Tim Schwartz	20355 Poe Sholes Drive, Suite 100, Bend, OR 97701
	Phillips Reservoir	East	Lt. Tim Schwartz	20355 Poe Sholes Drive, Suite 100, Bend, OR 97701
	Thief Valley Reservoir	East	Lt. Tim Schwartz	20355 Poe Sholes Drive, Suite 100, Bend, OR 97701
	Topsy Reservoir	East	Lt. Tim Schwartz	20355 Poe Sholes Drive, Suite 100, Bend, OR 97701
	Warm Spring Reservoir	East	Lt. Tim Schwartz	20355 Poe Sholes Drive, Suite 100, Bend, OR 97701
	Unity Reservoir	East	Lt. Tim Schwartz	20355 Poe Sholes Drive, Suite 100, Bend, OR 97701
Willow Valley Reservoir	Southwest	Lt. David Gifford	4500 Rogue Valley Hwy Suite A, Central Point, OR 97502	
Snake R	Hells Canyon Reservoir	East	Lt. Tim Schwartz	20355 Poe Sholes Drive, Suite 100, Bend, OR 97701
	Oxbow Reservoir	East	Lt. Tim Schwartz	20355 Poe Sholes Drive, Suite 100, Bend, OR 97701
	Brownlee Reservoir	East	Lt. Tim Schwartz	20355 Poe Sholes Drive, Suite 100, Bend, OR 97701
Columbia R	Col R (below Bonneville)	Northwest	Lt. Casey Thomas	3710 Portland Rd NE, Salem, OR 97303
	Col R – Bonneville Pool	East	Lt. Tim Schwartz	20355 Poe Sholes Drive, Suite 100, Bend, OR 97701
	Col R – The Dalles Pool	East	Lt. Tim Schwartz	20355 Poe Sholes Drive, Suite 100, Bend, OR 97701
	Col R – John Day Pool	East	Lt. Tim Schwartz	20355 Poe Sholes Drive, Suite 100, Bend, OR 97701
	Col R – McNary Pool	East	Lt. Tim Schwartz	20355 Poe Sholes Drive, Suite 100, Bend, OR 97701

## ODFW Bass Tournament Forms

Copies of each of the following forms used by ODFW for the bass tournament permit process are attached to this guide:

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<b>Bass Tournament Permit Application</b>	This application must be submitted to ODFW by any sponsor wanting to host a large tournament (more than 24 boats or 49 participating anglers) <b>at least 30 days</b> prior to the proposed event.
<b>Bass Tournament Permit – EXAMPLE</b>	This is an <b>example</b> of the permit that ODFW issues to a successful applicant that will be hosting a large or permitted tournament. Please note the reporting requirements and that the permit must be available at the tournament site during the event. If your event is approved, you will receive a signed paper copy of the permit in the mail.
<b>Bass Tournament Report</b>	A Bass Tournament Report must be submitted to ODFW <b>within 30 days</b> after the conclusion of a large or permitted event. Note that if the catch includes largemouth <b>and</b> smallmouth bass, the number and weight for each species must be recorded <b>separately</b> . Although a report is not required for a small or club event, sponsors are <b>encouraged</b> to submit tournament effort and catch information using the report form.

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Copies of the **Bass Tournament Permit Application** and **Bass Tournament Report** are also available as PDF forms that can be filled out electronically. The completed form(s) can then be returned to ODFW via email or printed and then sent via traditional mail. If you would like an electronic version of one or both of these forms, please contact:

Gary Galovich  
Warmwater Fish Biologist  
4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE  
Salem, Oregon 97302  
Ph: 503-947-6223  
[Gary.M.Galovich@state.or.us](mailto:Gary.M.Galovich@state.or.us)



## Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

### BASS TOURNAMENT PERMIT APPLICATION

1. Application Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(mm-dd-yy)
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ requests a permit for a  
*Organization*  
bass tournament to be held at \_\_\_\_\_  
*Location and access site(s)*  
\_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_  
(mm-dd-yy)
3. Starting Time: First Day \_\_\_\_\_ Second Day \_\_\_\_\_  
Ending Time: First Day \_\_\_\_\_ Second Day \_\_\_\_\_  
Weigh-In Time: First Day \_\_\_\_\_ Second Day \_\_\_\_\_
4. Maximum number of boats allowed: \_\_\_\_\_ (waters of 900-1500 acres, not to exceed 50 boats; waters of 1501-5000 acres, not to exceed 75 boats; larger waters have no limit on the number of boats).
5. Values of top 10 prizes: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. How will fish be maintained for live release? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Person signing on the line below acknowledges familiarity with the legal requirements of ORS 498.279 and Oregon Administrative Rule 635-01-105 that regulate bass tournaments.  
  
\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of responsible person* *Print name*  
  
\_\_\_\_\_  
*Address* *Phone*
8. Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. Return To: Gary Galovich  
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife  
4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE  
Salem OR 97302  
Ph: 503-947-6223  
FAX: 503-947-6202  
[Gary.M.Galovich@state.or.us](mailto:Gary.M.Galovich@state.or.us)



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## BASS TOURNAMENT PERMIT

Permit Date: \_\_\_\_\_ The \_\_\_\_\_  
*Organization*

is authorized to hold a bass tournament on \_\_\_\_\_  
*Date(s)*

at \_\_\_\_\_ A maximum of \_\_\_\_\_ boats  
*Location*

is authorized. The responsible party is: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Name*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Address* *Phone*

The following requirements and those of ORS 498.279 and OAR 635-01-105 must be observed:

1. This permit must be available at the tournament site for inspection by ODFW or Oregon State Police.
2. **Tournament results must be reported to ODFW no later than 30 days following the tournament.**
3. The number and weight of smallmouth and largemouth bass must be recorded separately.
4. No bass may be retained by tournament sponsors or participants.
5. Persons or organizations violating the provisions of this permit or ORS 498.279 or OAR 635-01-105 are subject to fine and denial of future permits.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorizing Signature



# Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

## BASS TOURNAMENT REPORT

Event date(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

	First Day	Second Day	Total <i>(leave blank)</i>
Number of anglers			
Start time			
End time			
Number of weigh-ins			
Angler-hrs <i>(leave blank)</i>			

Min bass length \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bag limit \_\_\_\_\_

Bass per team

Bass per person

Catch	Number	Weight	Number dead	Cause of death
Largemouth bass				
Smallmouth bass				
Total				

H2O temp, time \_\_\_\_\_

Person reporting \_\_\_\_\_  
*Name*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Address* \_\_\_\_\_ *Phone*

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

**Return of this report within 30 days after the tournament is required by law**

Return report to: Gary Galovich  
 Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife  
 4034 Fairview Industrial Drive NE  
 Salem OR 97302  
 Gary.M.Galovich@state.or.us

