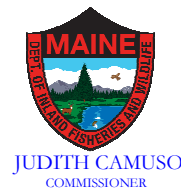




STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF
INLAND FISHERIES & WILDLIFE
353 WATER STREET
41 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA ME 04333-0041



February 24, 2023

Dear Commercial Sucker Harvester,

This letter is part of the information packet included when you purchase a *Permit to Harvest and Sell Suckers in the State of Maine*. It is intended to expand upon harvesting conditions detailed on the permit application that you should be aware of when harvesting suckers. Be sure to review and comply with **ALL** permit conditions/definitions listed on the application and permit. No changes have been made for the 2023 season.

In 2021 we began allowing coated wire mesh of 5/4" x 5/4" for traps due to its availability. Flexible mesh must be no larger than 3/8" x 3/8" when measured from adjacent corner to adjacent corner (or 3/4" x 3/4" when stretched and measured from opposite corner to opposite corner). These maximum mesh sizes (5/4" for coated wire material and 3/8" for flexible material) apply to all parts of the net including the entrance head and any guide wings.

As a reminder, the wetted width restriction means that your nets cannot block more than 1/3 of the stream. This means that if the water surface of a stream is 9' wide, your net cannot block more than 3' of the stream's width. It is your responsibility to alter net placement if water levels drop to ensure that no more than 1/3 of the stream is blocked. Keep in mind that the wetted width restriction and the 50' minimum distance between nets take into account the entire net, including wings.

By purchasing this permit, you are legally required to report your harvest annually, even if you did not harvest. Your harvest information is essential to the informed management of this public resource and failure to report will result in suspension of your license privileges. You are also making a commitment to follow Maine's Fish and Wildlife Biosecurity Protocols, found at the end of this packet, to prevent the spread of aquatic plants and animals. Lastly, please be respectful of private property and obtain appropriate permissions. Following regulations, preventing the spread of invasive species, and respecting land ownership helps ensure that commercial sucker harvesting can continue.

Thank you,

Jerrod Parker

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Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Sucker Harvest Report Log

Sucker harvesters are required to report their fishing/catch information to the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. All of the data submitted as part of the report is for scientific purposes only. Report information and will remain confidential, except that the commissioner may disclose data released in a form that is statistical or general in nature. Harvesters should report their information on the log forms provided with their permit; additional forms can be requested from the Department or photocopied as needed from the originals you received. Reports must be submitted to Jerrod Parker, Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, 353 Water Street, Augusta, Maine 04333 (or by email: Jerrod.Parker@maine.gov) by **December 31st of each year**. However, we would advise you to send in your report in when you complete your season, as any person who fails to report **will be prohibited from obtaining a Sucker Harvest Permit the next year**. Remember to file a report **even if you did not fish during the current season**.

Instructions for Sucker Harvest Report Log

- Harvesters need to report their full name, permit #, address, and telephone #.
- Information is to be recorded for each day, each water fished and for each individual net, in other words data cannot be combined to include more than 1 day or multiple waters/nets. If multiple waters and/or nets are fished on the same date, then a separate entry is required for each water and each net.
- Be sure to record information on zero catch days, which still provides the Department with valuable information on fish abundance and catch rates.
- Data to be recorded for each sucker trapping event includes:

Date – the month/day/year of each trip.

Town – Town name where the deployed gear is located.

County – County name where the deployed gear is located.

Name of Waterbody – name of the primary waterbody listed on harvest permit where gear is deployed (ex. Unity Pond). For purposes of this permit, a “Waterbody” is considered a lake, pond or large river and its tributaries.

Gear Location – name of the actual tributary/stream/brook where gear is located; please be specific as possible (ex. Bithers Brook at Rte. 202 crossing). GPS coordinates are preferred.

Gear Type – the type of gear used on the date and water recorded (i.e. trap-net, fyke-net, hoop-net, dip-net, spear). Please list specific type of gear used and whether it is rigid wire or net material.

Amount Harvested – report the quantity in pounds and include the total number of suckers, so that we can estimate the average size of the suckers you harvested.

Other Species Observed – record any observations about other species that were captured and released on the date and water specified, please include approximate numbers. (for example: “*2 dozen sunfish released*”)

Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
Sucker Harvest Report Log

Last Name:	First Name:	Phone #:
Permit #:	Permit Year:	Email:

Date Tended (MM/DD/YY)	Town	County	Name of Waterbody	Gear Location (GPS or description)	Gear Type	Pounds of Sucker Harvested	Number of Sucker Harvested	Other Species Observed (include approximate number)

When you have concluded fishing for the season, please send reports to:
Mail: Maine Dept of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife, 353 Water Street, Augusta, Maine 04333
Email: Jerrod.Parker@maine.gov
Questions? Call: (207) 287-3216

I certify that the data contained in this report is as accurate as possible:
Signature: _____

Waters Closed to the Commercial Harvest of Suckers

<u>WATER</u>	<u>TOWN</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>
AUBURN LAKE	AUBURN	ANDROSCOGGIN
LITTLE ANDROSCOGIN RIVER	MECHANIC FALLS	ANDROSCOGGIN
LOWER RANGE POND	POLAND	ANDROSCOGGIN
MIDDLE RANGE POND	POLAND	ANDROSCOGGIN
THE BASIN	AUBURN	ANDROSCOGGIN
TRIPP POND	POLAND	ANDROSCOGGIN
UPPER RANGE POND	POLAND	ANDROSCOGGIN
*****All waters in the Allagash drainage above Allagash Falls in T15 R11 WELS, Aroostook County are closed to the taking of suckers*****		
BLACK LAKE	T15 R09 WELS	AROOSTOOK
CARR POND	T13 R08 WELS	AROOSTOOK
CROSS LAKE	CROSS LAKE TWP	AROOSTOOK
DEBOULLIE LAKE	T15 R09 WELS	AROOSTOOK
DEERING LAKE	WESTON	AROOSTOOK
DENNY POND	T15 R09 WELS	AROOSTOOK
DREWS LAKE	LINNEUS	AROOSTOOK
EAGLE LAKE	EAGLE LAKE	AROOSTOOK
FISH RIVER LAKE	T14 R08 WELS	AROOSTOOK
GALILEE POND	T15 R09 WELS	AROOSTOOK
GARDNER LAKE	T15 R09 WELS	AROOSTOOK
LITTLE BLACK POND, NORTH	T15 R09 WELS	AROOSTOOK
LITTLE BLACK POND, SOUTH	T15 R09 WELS	AROOSTOOK
LONG LAKE AND HARVEY POND	T11&12 R13 WELS	AROOSTOOK
PLEASANT LAKE	ISLAND FALLS	AROOSTOOK
PUSHINEER LAKE	T15 R09 WELS	AROOSTOOK
RED RIVER above RED RIVER FALLS	T15 R09 WELS	AROOSTOOK
ROUND POND	T13 R12 WELS	AROOSTOOK
SQUARE LAKE	T16 R105 WELS	AROOSTOOK
ST. FROID LAKE	WINTERVILLE	AROOSTOOK
UMSASKIS LAKE	T11 R13 WELS	AROOSTOOK
BIG OSSIPPE RIVER	PORTER/HIRAM	CUMBERLAND
BARKER POND	SEBAGO	CUMBERLAND
BRANDY POND	NAPLES	CUMBERLAND
COFFEE POND	CASCO	CUMBERLAND
COLLINS POND	WINDHAM	CUMBERLAND
CRESCENT LAKE	RAYMOND	CUMBERLAND
CROOKED RIVER	NAPLES, CASCO	CUMBERLAND
CRYSTAL LAKE	GRAY	CUMBERLAND
DUNDEE POND	WINDHAM/GORHAM	CUMBERLAND
HANCOCK POND	SEBAGO	CUMBERLAND
JORDAN RIVER	RAYMOND	CUMBERLAND
LITTLE SEBAGO LAKE	WINDHAM	CUMBERLAND
MILL POND	WINDHAM	CUMBERLAND

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MOOSE POND	BRIDGTON, ETC.	CUMBERLAND
NORTH GORHAM POND	WINDHAM/GORHAM	CUMBERLAND
PANTHER POND	RAYMOND	CUMBERLAND
PARKER (LILY) POND	CASCO	CUMBERLAND
PEABODY POND	SEBAGO	CUMBERLAND
PLEASANT HILL POND	SCARBOROUGH	CUMBERLAND
PLEASANT LAKE	CASCO	CUMBERLAND
PRESUMPCOT RIVER	WINDHAM	CUMBERLAND
RAYMOND POND	RAYMOND	CUMBERLAND
SABBATHDAY LAKE	NEW GLOUCESTER	CUMBERLAND
SEBAGO LAKE	NAPLES	CUMBERLAND
SONGO RIVER	NAPLES	CUMBERLAND
SOUTHEAST POND	SEBAGO	CUMBERLAND
THOMAS POND	RAYMOND	CUMBERLAND
TRICKEY POND	NAPLES	CUMBERLAND
ARNOLD POND	COBURN GORE	FRANKLIN
BEAVER MOUNTAIN LAKE	SANDY RIVER PLT	FRANKLIN
CHAIN OF PONDS	CHAIN OF PONDS TWP	FRANKLIN
DODGE POND	RANGELEY	FRANKLIN
KENNEBAGO LAKE	DAVIS TWP	FRANKLIN
KENNEBAGO RIVER	STETSONTOWN TWP.	FRANKLIN
LITTLE KENNEBAGO LAKE	STETSONTOWN	FRANKLIN
LONG POND	TWPS D AND E	FRANKLIN
MOOSELOOKMEGUNTIC LAKE	RANGELEY	FRANKLIN
QUIMBY POND	RANGELEY	FRANKLIN
RANGELEY LAKE	RANGELEY	FRANKLIN
VARNUM POND	TEMPLE	FRANKLIN
ALLIGATOR LAKE	T 34 MD	HANCOCK
BEECH HILL POND	OTIS	HANCOCK
BRANCH LAKE	ELLSWORTH	HANCOCK
CRAIG POND	ORLAND	HANCOCK
DONNELL POND	FRANKLIN	HANCOCK
DUCK LAKE	T4 ND	HANCOCK
EAGLE LAKE	BAR HARBOR	HANCOCK
ECHO LAKE	SW HBR/MT DESERT	HANCOCK
GREEN LAKE	ELLSWORTH	HANCOCK
HOPKINS POND	MARIAVILLE	HANCOCK
LONG POND	MT. DESERT	HANCOCK
LORD BROOK	ALL	HANCOCK
NARRAGUAGUS RIVER	ALL	HANCOCK
NICATOUS LAKE	T40 MD	HANCOCK
PHILLIPS LAKE	DEDHAM	HANCOCK
SPRING LAKE	T3 ND	HANCOCK
TODDY POND	ORLAND	HANCOCK
TUNK LAKE	T 10 SD	HANCOCK
WEST LAKE	T3 ND	HANCOCK

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COBBOSSEECONTEE STREAM	GARDINER	KENNEBEC
ECHO LAKE	FAYETTE	KENNEBEC
FLYING POND	VIENNA	KENNEBEC
GREAT POND	BELGRADE	KENNEBEC
KENNEBEC RIVER	AUGUSTA TO WATERVILLE	KENNEBEC
McGRATH POND	OAKLAND	KENNEBEC
MESSALONSKEE LAKE	BELGRADE	KENNEBEC
PARKER POND	FAYETTE	KENNEBEC
PLEASANT(MUD) POND	GARDINER	KENNEBEC
SEBASTICOOK RIVER	WINSLOW TO BENTON	KENNEBEC
SALMON POND	BELGRADE	KENNEBEC
ALFORD LAKE	HOPE	KNOX
DAMARISCOTTA LAKE	JEFFERSON	LINCOLN
SHEEPSCOT RIVER	ALL	LINCOLN
ABBOTS POND	SUMNER	OXFORD
AZISCOHOS LAKE	LINCOLN PLT	OXFORD
B POND	UPTON	OXFORD
BRYANT POND	WOODSTOCK	OXFORD
COLCORD POND	PORTER	OXFORD
HOGAN POND	OXFORD	OXFORD
KEZAR LAKE	LOVELL,	OXFORD
MAGALLOWAY RIVER	LINCOLN PLT, MAGALLOWAY PLT	OXFORD
PARMACHENEE LAKE	LYNCHTOWN TWP	OXFORD
POND IN THE RIVER	TOWNSHIP C	OXFORD
RICHARDSON LAKES	RICHARDSONTOWN TWP	OXFORD
BARKER POND	HIRAM	OXFORD
BEAR POND	WATERFORD	OXFORD
BIG CLEMONS POND	HIRAM	OXFORD
BIG SPECK POND	NORWAY	OXFORD
BROKEN BRIDGE POND	ALBANY	OXFORD
CANTON LAKE	CANTON	OXFORD
CROCKER POND	ALBANY	OXFORD
CRYSTAL LAKE	HARRISON	OXFORD
CUSHMAN POND	LOVELL	OXFORD
HANCOCK POND	DENMARK	OXFORD
KEEWAYDIN LAKE	STONEHAM	OXFORD
KEOKA LAKE	WATERFORD	OXFORD
KEYS POND	SWEDEN	OXFORD
LITTLE CONCORD POND	WOODSTOCK	OXFORD
LOVEWELL POND	FRYEBURG	OXFORD
LOWER KIMBALL POND	FRYEBURG	OXFORD
MIDDLE POND	HIRAM	OXFORD
MOOSE POND	DENMARK	OXFORD
MOSQUITO POND	ALBANY	OXFORD
NORWAY LAKE	NORWAY	OXFORD
OVERSET POND	GREENWOOD	OXFORD

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ROUND POND	ALBANY	OXFORD
SAND POND	DENMARK	OXFORD
SHAGG POND	WOODSTOCK	OXFORD
SOUTH POND	GREENWOOD	OXFORD
SOUTHEAST POND	HIRAM	OXFORD
STEARNS POND	SWEDEN	OXFORD
STURTEVANT POND	MAGALLOWAY PLT	OXFORD
THOMPSON LAKE	OXFORD	OXFORD
TROUT POND	STONEHAM	OXFORD
WORTHLEY POND	PERU	OXFORD
COLD STREAM	ENFIELD	PENOBSCOT
COLD STREAM POND	ENFIELD	PENOBSCOT
COLD STREAM POND, UPPER	LINCOLN	PENOBSCOT
COVE BROOK	ALL	PENOBSCOT
JUNIOR LAKE	PUKAKON TWP	PENOBSCOT
LORD BROOK	ALL	PENOBSCOT
KENDUSKEAG STREAM (and Direct Tributaries)	ALL	PENOBSCOT
MATAGAMON LAKE	T6R8 WELS	PENOBSCOT
MUD (PERCH) POND	OLD TOWN	PENOBSCOT
PUSHAW POND (LITTLE)	HUDSON	PENOBSCOT
PUSHAW LAKE	OLD TOWN	PENOBSCOT
PUSHAW STREAM	ALTON,HUDSON, OLD TOWN	PENOBSCOT
SANDY STREAM	T2R8 WELS	PENOBSCOT
SCRAGGLEY LAKE	T5R1 NBPP	PENOBSCOT
SHIN POND (LOWER)	T5R7 WELS	PENOBSCOT
SHIN POND (UPPER)	MT. CHASE	PENOBSCOT
SYSLADOBSIS LAKE, LOWER	LAKEVILLE	PENOBSCOT
SYSLADOBSIS LAKE, UPPER	LAKEVILLE	PENOBSCOT
WASSOOKEAG LAKE	DEXTER	PENOBSCOT
ALLAGASH LAKE	T8 R14	PISCATAQUIS
BIG REED POND	T8 R10 WELS	PISCATAQUIS
CARIBOU LAKE – RAGGEDSTREAM	T2 R12	PISCATAQUIS
CHAMBERLAIN LAKE	T6 R11 ETC.	PISCATAQUIS
CHURCHILL LAKE	T9 R12 WELS	PISCATAQUIS
CRESENT POND	T9 R15 WELS	PISCATAQUIS
EAGLE LAKE & ROUND POND	T8&9 R13 WELS & T7 R12 WELS	PISCATAQUIS
JOMARY (LOWER)	T1 R10 WELS	PISCATAQUIS
JOMARY (UPPER)	TA R10 WELS	PISCATAQUIS
MILLINOCKET LAKE	T07 R09 WELS	PISCATAQUIS
MOOSEHEAD L - MOOSE BROOK (FORMERLY SQUAW BROOK)	BIG MOOSE TWP	PISCATAQUIS
MOOSEHEAD L - LILY BAY BROOK	LILY BAY	PISCATAQUIS
MOOSEHEAD L - SOUTH BROOK	LILY BAY	PISCATAQUIS
MOOSEHEAD L - NORTH BROOK	LILY BAY	PISCATAQUIS
MUD POND	T9 R15 WELS	PISCATAQUIS

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MUNSUNGUN LAKE	T08 R10 WELS	PISCATAQUIS
PIPER POND	ABBOT	PISCATAQUIS
ROUND POND	T6 R11	PISCATAQUIS
SCHOODIC LAKE	LAKEVIEW PLT	PISCATAQUIS
SEBOEIS LAKE	T4R9 NWP	PISCATAQUIS
TELOS LAKE	T6 R11	PISCATAQUIS
BAKER POND	CARATUNK	SOMERSET
BALD MOUNTAIN POND	BALD MOUNTAIN TWP	SOMERSET
CARRY POND (WEST)	CARRYING PLC TWP	SOMERSET
EMBDEN POND	EMBDEN	SOMERSET
KENNEBEC RIVER	FAIRFIELD TO MADISON	SOMERSET
KENNEBEC RIVER (and Tributaries in Moscow, Bingham, Embden, Solon, and Concord Twp)	ANSON TO INDIAN STREAM TWP	SOMERSET
KINGSBURY POND	KINGSBURY	SOMERSET
LAKE GEORGE	CANAAN	SOMERSET
MAYFIELD POND	MAYFIELD	SOMERSET
MOOSE RIVER	ROCKWOOD	SOMERSET
PIERCE POND AND TRIB PONDS	PIERCE POND TWP	SOMERSET
PLEASANT POND	CARATUNK	SOMERSET
SPRING LAKE	T3 R4 BKP WKR	SOMERSET
COVE BROOK	ALL	WALDO
DUCKTRAP RIVER	ALL	WALDO
BIG LAKE	GRAND LAKE STREAM	WASHINGTON
CATHANCE LAKE	COOPER	WASHINGTON
DENNYS RIVER	ALL	WASHINGTON
EAST GRAND LAKE	DANFORTH	WASHINGTON
EAST MACHIAS RIVER	ALL	WASHINGTON
EAST MUSQUASH LAKE	TOPSFIELD	WASHINGTON
FARROW LAKE	TOPSFIELD	WASHINGTON
GARDNER LAKE	EAST MACHIAS	WASHINGTON
LAMBERT LAKE	LAMBERT LAKE TWP	WASHINGTON
MACHIAS RIVER	ALL	WASHINGTON
MOPANG LAKE	T 29 MD	WASHINGTON
NARRAGUAGUS RIVER	ALL	WASHINGTON
PLEASANT LAKE	KOSSUTH TWP	WASHINGTON
PLEASANT RIVER	ALL	WASHINGTON
POCUMCUS LAKE	T 06 ND BPP	WASHINGTON
SPEDNIC LAKE	VANCEBORO	WASHINGTON
WEST GRAND LAKE	GRAND LAKE STREAM	WASHINGTON
WEST MUSQUASH LAKE	TALMADGE	WASHINGTON
BALCH POND	NEWFIELD	YORK
BIG OSSIPPE RIVER	PORTER/HIRAM	YORK
GREAT EAST LAKE	ACTON	YORK
HORN P	ACTON	YORK
KENNEBUNK POND	LYMAN	YORK

<u>WATER</u>	<u>TOWN</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>
LAKE ARROWHEAD	WATERBORO	YORK
LEGION POND	KITTERY	YORK
LITTLE OSSIPEE LAKE	WATERBORO	YORK
LITTLE OSSIPEE RIVER	WATERBORO	YORK
LONG POND	PARSONFILED	YORK
MILTON	LEBANON	YORK
MOUSAM LAKE	SHAPLEIGH	YORK
NORTHEAST P	LEBANON	YORK
PICKEREL POND	LIMERICK	YORK
SACO R	DAYTON TO BIDDEFORD	YORK
SALMON FALLS RIVER	LEBANON TO SOUTH BERWICK	YORK
SKELTON FLOWAGE (SACO R)	DAYTON	YORK
SPAULDING POND	LEBANON	YORK
SQUARE POND	ACTON	YORK
TOWNHOUSE P	LEBANON	YORK
WEST POND	PARSONFILED	YORK
WILSON LAKE	ACTON	YORK

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.