

RULEMAKING NOTICE FORM

Notice Number _____

Rule Number Fis 503.06 (b)

1. Agency Name & Address:

**NH Fish and Game Department
11 Hazen Drive
Concord, NH 03301**

2. RSA Authority: 206:10 I. and 211:16-b

3. Federal Authority: _____

4. Type of Action:

Adoption _____

Amendment XX

Repeal _____

Readoption _____

Readoption w/amendment _____

5. Short Title: **Bass fishing tournament application procedure**

6. (a) Summary of what the rule says and the effect of the rule on those regulated:

The Department is proposing to amend the process for applying for bass tournaments. Because of the number of applications for bass tournaments being received by the department on a first come – first served basis, the department is proposing an application process which would allow applications to be submitted beginning October 1st for the following calendar year. Those applications will be assigned a computer generated number which will be used to give preference to applications when multiple requests are received for the same date and waterbody. This will provide more equity to the applicants and eliminate the need for applicants to line up a day or two in advance to submit applications.

6. (b) Brief description of the groups affected:

These rules would affect persons applying for bass tournaments.

6. (c) Specific section or sections of state statute or federal statute or regulation which the rule is intended to implement:

Rule(s)	State Statute (RSA)	Federal Statute	Federal Regulation
Fis 503.06 (b)	206:10; 211:16-b		

7. Contact person for copies and questions including requests to accommodate persons with disabilities:

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Ref: Bass Tournament Rules

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8. Deadline for submission of materials in writing or, if practicable for the agency, in the electronic format specified: June 30, 2008

Fax

E-mail

Other format
(specify):

Ref: Bass tournament rules

9. Public hearing scheduled for:

**Date/Time &
Place:**

June 18, 2008 6:30 p.m.
N.H. Fish and Game Department Headquarters
11 Hazen Drive
Concord, NH 03301

10. Fiscal Impact Statement (Prepared by Legislative Budget Assistant)

FIS # 08:075 , **dated** 5/8/08

1. Comparison of the costs of the proposed rule(s) to the existing rule(s):

There is no difference in cost when comparing the proposed rules to the existing rules.

2. Cite the Federal mandate. Identify the impact on state funds:

No federal mandate; no impact on state funds.

3. Cost and benefits of the proposed rule(s):

There are no costs or benefits attributable to the proposed rules.

A. To State general or State special funds:

None.

B. To State citizens and political subdivisions:

None.

C. To independently owned businesses:

None.

11. Statement Relative to Part I, Article 28-a of the N.H. Constitution:

The proposed amendment of Fis 503.06 (b) relating to bass tournament application rules does not violate the New Hampshire Constitution, Part 1, Article 28-a. The rules do not impose any programs or responsibilities on any political subdivision of the state nor is any political subdivision involved in the process from an administrative perspective.

Amend Fis 503.06 (b) effective 1/1/05 (Doc #8119) to read as follows:

Fis 503.06 Bass Tournament.

(b) Applications and issuance for bass tournaments shall subject to the following:

(1) Applications for bass tournaments shall not be accepted prior to beginning October 1 December 1 for permits requested for the following year;

(2) Applications for each bass tournament event received between October 1 and December 1 shall be assigned a computer generated random number;

(3) Applications for each bass tournament event received after December 1 shall be issued a sequential number on a first come-first served basis; and

(4) When there are multiple requests for bass tournaments on the same date and waterbody, preference shall be given to the application(s) for a bass tournament or bass tournaments with the lowest assigned number(s).

Appendix

Provision of the Proposed Rule	Specific State or Federal Statutes or Regulations which the Rule is Intended to Implement
Fis 503.06	RSA 206:10; 211:16-b