

EEL POT DEFINITION AND CONDITIONS FOR OPERATION

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 1/2 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 areas, boating channels, swimming areas, or other areas used by recreationists.
5. Eel pots may not be baited with live fish.
6. All eel pots shall be tended at least twice a week. Any non-eels captured in these pots shall be immediately released unharmed.
7. This permit does not give the permittee the right to use fishing gear on private property against the wishes of the property owner. Portions of the Penobscot River and submerged lands surrounding the islands in the river are part of the Penobscot Indian Reservation and Indian Township in Washington County is Passamaquoddy Reservation. You should receive permission from the appropriate owner/owners prior to using any gear.

PENOBSCOT INDIAN NATION
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
COMMERCIAL EEL POTTING PERMIT FOR RESERVATION WATERS

Permittee's Name _____

Eel Permit No. _____

Address _____

Town _____ State _____ Zip _____ Daytime Phone _____

This permit is valid for the placement of eel pots in the following Penobscot Indian Reservation waters:

The permit will be subject to the following conditions:

1. Eel pots shall be marked with a buoy no smaller than four (4) inches in diameter. Two or more pots may be strung on a common line with a buoy on each end of the line. Each buoy shall be clearly labeled with the Permittee's name, town and state of residence, and Penobscot Nation eel permit number.
2. No live fish as bait.
3. Pots must be tended at least every other day.
4. Any non-eels captured must be immediately released alive.
5. Failure to comply with any of the above conditions may result in confiscation of gear, termination of permit, or both.
6. This permit is valid from the date of issuance until November 30 of the current calendar year, unless otherwise specified. Permits must be renewed annually.
7. The permittee will be asked to keep records of their effort and catch by date. A reporting form will be provided, specifying the information required. The permittee will be responsible for maintaining such records over the course of the fishing season, and will submit a complete copy of their records within two (2) weeks after the termination of the permittee's potting activities in Reservation waters, or by December 15 of each calendar year, whichever comes first. This information will be kept in confidential files at the Penobscot Nation Department of Natural Resources.
8. Permit fee is \$100.00 payable to the Penobscot Nation Department of Natural Resources.

Additional Conditions (if any): _____

THIS PERMIT ISSUED BY _____

John S. Banks, Director

DATE ISSUED _____

PENOBSCOT INDIAN NATION
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
COMMERCIAL EEL POTTING - CATCH AND EFFORT REPORTING FORM

DATE	RIVER SECTION*	No. POTS CHECKED	No. POTS RESET	No. NEW POTS SET	EEL CATCH		Catch by SIZE**	
					NO.	LBS	SMALL	LARGE

* RIVER SECTION: Enter "1" for mainstem from Milford/Gilman Falls Dam to West Enfield Dam; "2" for mainstem from West Enfield Dam to Weldon Dam; "3" for mainstem from Weldon Dam to the confluence of E. & W. Branches; "4" for West Branch Penobscot River; "5" for East Branch Penobscot River; "6" for Mattawamkeag River; "7" for Piscataquis River; "8" for Passadumkeag River.

NOTE: Eel potting by non-tribal members in Reservation waters within River Section 1 (mainstem from Milford/Gilman Falls Dams to West Enfield Dam) is prohibited in 1995.

** Catch of eels by size: If possible, please estimate the number of eels in your catch which were less than 20 inches long (SMALL) and the number which were greater than 20 inches long (LARGE).

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Ex. #2	6/20	4			30				
Ex. #3	6/21	2	50	50	10	90	105	75	15
Ex. #4	6/22	4	30	20		25	20	24	1
Ex. #5	6/23	2	60	Ø		110	100	80	30
Ex. #6	6/24	4	20	20	30	30	40	10	20
Ex. #7	6/26	4	50	Ø		80	100	30	50
<u>Explanation of Examples</u>									
Ex. #1 :									

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