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The Special Events application for the Fishing Tournament -Nebraska TBF State Qualifier #1 at Three Mile Lake on 4/11/2026 from 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM has been approved.

The authorization letter must be in possession of the sponsor or their representative and be available at the contest site for Department representative(s) during contest hours. For bass tournaments utilizing the exception to bag limits and/or length limits, each participant in the tournament must also have a copy of the tournament authorization letter (either paper or electronic) to identify themselves as a tournament participant. It is the responsibility of the tournament organizer to distribute this information to the participants.

Keeping fish healthy from the time of capture, during confinement in a livewell and the weigh-in process, until it is released alive is the responsibility of the tournament angler. To improve chances for live release, at a minimum anglers should exercise the following precautions. Fish should be landed quickly. Hooks should be carefully removed with as little tissue damage as possible. During handling, care should be taken to avoid damage to the slime coating. Livewells should be filled early in the day and a recirculating aerator and pump should be used to provide fresh water into the live well. No more than one (1) pound of fish per gallon of water should be held in a livewell.

Do your part to prevent the spread of aquatic nuisance species in Iowa. Iowa's 2013 Aquatic Invasive Species Law requires that all water must be drained from water-related equipment when leaving a water access. Drain plugs, bailers and valves must remain removed or open during transport - so drain water from your boat, motor, livewell and bilge before leaving a water access. All livewells must be drained of water when leaving a water access in Iowa. If you wish to transport fish to an off-site weigh-in in Iowa, you must bring fresh water with you to transport the fish in when leaving the water access.

Tournament participants need to be particularly diligent because they are avid anglers that may trailer boats to more than one waterbody during a week. Inspect your boat, trailer, and equipment and remove any visible plants, animals, or mud before leaving a waterbody. Dispose of unwanted bait in the trash. Never release fish, animals or plants into a waterbody unless they came from that waterbody. Before transporting your boat to another waterbody either wash it with high pressure and/or hot water or dry it for 5 days.

This tournament is a Bass Mixed Species tournament, and fish will be released after a weigh-in (fish are held in a live well) .

****This is a black bass tournament. This tournament will utilize the exemption to the creel limit for this lake/river (possession of up to 5 fish is allowed). This tournament will utilize the exemption to the size limit for this this lake/river (possession of bass of any length is allowed).****

As per your application, your event is closed to the public.

Stipulations:

* Report Required

* Issuance of a fishing tournament authorization does not imply that the applicant has exclusive use of the area, including boat ramps. Allowing access to facilities by the general public is required.

* Be aware that your organization's actions on the water and at the ramp impact other public users and is a reflection of all tournament anglers. Please use common courtesy while launching and parking at the boat ramps to make room for all users and obey the speed and distance boating laws while on the water http://www.iowadnr.gov/Portals/idnr/uploads/boating/ia_hb.pdf.

* The weigh-in site is to be located in close proximity to the release site or release boat.

* Aerated live wells

* Fish should be kept in live wells with aeration running continuously while waiting in line for a weigh-in bag.

* A limited number of official weigh-in bags are to be provided by the tournament director. Weigh-in bags containing livewell water shall be reinforced, reusable, and capable of holding 15 pounds of live fish and 2 gallons of water.

* The weigh-in line shall not have more than four (4) anglers with fish in bags at any one time.

* Release of live fish

Your tournament lists the following designated release persons: Nick Siepker
Stephen Way

Please contact the Iowa DNR local representative with any questions at:

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