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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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Dear Fishing Tournament Organizer,

This letter is to update you and your club on the significant changes occurring with Iowa's Fishing Tournament Program. A new online application, reporting, and payment system is being developed for Iowa fishing tournaments. The new system is scheduled to go online in October at which time the department will begin accepting 2010 applications. Paper applications using the old forms will not be accepted for 2010 tournaments.

The new online system will only accept applications for tournaments within a window between six months and 30 days in advance. For example, applications for May, 2010 tournaments can not be submitted until December, 2009. This is different from the past when applications were accepted beginning July 1 of the proceeding year.

All 2010 applications will be accessed an administrative fee of \$25 to offset the cost of administering the more than 700 fishing tournament permits annually. Payment will be online and only collected once the application is approved by the fisheries biologist. No fee will be collected for applications rejected by the department.

The new system will allow tournament organizers to search for open dates, select alternate dates, and provide reports online when requested. The department will be required to act on applications in a timely manner with this system improving the turnaround time for permits.

Access to the online application will be available though <http://www.iowadnr.gov/> beginning in the fall. We appreciate your patience as we make this transition and welcome any questions or comments. Again, 2010 applications will not be accepted until the new online system is rolled out later this fall.

Thank you,

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