

MAINE JUDICIAL BRANCH

STATE OF MAINE

Superior Court  District Court
 Unified Criminal Docket

V.

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Location (Town): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Defendant

Docket No.: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTICE OF FINE AND PLEA / ANSWER

4 M.R.S. §§ 164(12), (15), (17)-(18)

TO: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE (mm/dd/yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_

You are charged with \_\_\_\_\_, which is:  a Class D Crime,  a Class E Crime, or  a civil violation.

This offense arises under the:

- 1.  Inland Fisheries & Wildlife laws;
2.  Marines Resources laws;
3.  Forest Service laws; or
4.  Traffic laws.

If you wish to contest this charge in court, you do not have to sign or return this form.

If you do not wish to appear in court you may be able to waive your rights and plead guilty to or admit to the offense by signing below. You should first read the attached "Instructions for Form CR-127" page carefully to see if you are eligible to sign this form. If you meet the requirements explained on the Instructions page, you should carefully read the notice below to learn what rights you are waiving by using this form to plead guilty to or to admit to the offense.

If you choose to waive your rights using this form, you must sign below and pay a fine and surcharges totaling \$ \_\_\_\_\_. If this fine is for a civil violation and the fine is not paid within 30 days, costs of \$25.00 will be added automatically. If you choose to waive your rights, sign the PLEA/ANSWER below and return the signed form with full payment to: \_\_\_\_\_.

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PLEA / ANSWER

I understand the charge against me and I plead guilty to / admit the above offense and enclose the fine set forth above. I understand that, by signing below, I am giving up my right to a trial before a judge or jury, to present witnesses and to cross-examine witnesses against me, and to be represented by an attorney. I understand that I am giving up my right to force the state to prove the charges against me by preponderance of the evidence (for a civil violation) or beyond a reasonable doubt (for a crime). I also understand that my signature below will have the same effect as a judgment of the court finding that I committed the offense (if a civil violation) or finding me guilty (if a crime). I realize that this record of having committed a civil violation or record of a criminal conviction may have future consequences, including: leading to higher penalties or elevating the charges if I commit future offenses. In addition, if I am not a United States citizen, I realize that pleading guilty to a crime may have

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immigration consequences. I have not been pressured to sign this form or waive my rights, and am doing so of my own free will.

In addition, (except for traffic offenses) I understand that by signing below I am swearing or affirming that I meet the requirements for signing this form as those requirements are explained on the attached "Instructions for Form CR-127" page.

Date (mm/dd/yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_
Defendant Signature

IMPORTANT PAYMENT INFORMATION

Payment must be made in US funds. If paying by mail, return this signed form with a money order or check payable to Maine District Court. DO NOT SEND CASH THROUGH THE MAIL. If you wish a receipt, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your payment. You may also pay in person at the Court listed on this Order between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM. Monday through Friday. You may pay in person by cash, check, money order, or credit card (MasterCard, Visa, or Discover).

Instructions for Form CR-127

Please read these instructions carefully before deciding whether to sign the first page of this form.

If Box #1 is checked on the first page of this form because you are charged with an Inland Fisheries and Wildlife offense:

You may not use this form to waive your rights if you have plead guilty to, have admitted (with or without an explanation), or have been found guilty of any other Inland Fisheries and Wildlife crime or civil offense within the past 12 months. By signing this form, you are swearing or affirming that you meet this requirement and are eligible to sign this form. If you swear that you are eligible to sign this form and it is later discovered that you were swearing falsely, you may be subject to an additional fine of up to \$50.

You should understand that your signature on this form has the same effect as a court judgment finding you guilty of the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife offense listed on this form. If you sign and return this form, a record of your conviction will be sent to the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

If Box #2 is checked on the first page of this form because you are charged with a Marine Resources offense:

You may not use this form to waive your rights if you have plead guilty to, have admitted (with or without an explanation), or have been found guilty of any other Marine Resources crime or civil offense within the past 12 months. By signing this form, you are swearing or affirming that you meet this requirement and are eligible to sign this form. If you swear that you are eligible to sign this form and it is later discovered that you were swearing falsely, you may be subject to an additional fine of up to \$50.

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You should understand that your signature on this form has the same effect as a court judgment finding you guilty of the Marine Resources offense listed on this form. If you sign and return this form, a record of your conviction will be sent to the Commissioner of Marine Resources.

If **Box #3** is checked on the first page of this form because you are charged with a **Forest Service** offense:

You may **not** use this form to waive your rights if you have plead guilty to, have admitted (with or without an explanation), or have been found guilty of any other **Forest Service** crime **or** civil offense within the past 12 months. By signing this form, you are swearing or affirming that you meet this requirement and are eligible to sign this form. If you swear that you are eligible to sign this form and it is later discovered that you were swearing falsely, you may be subject to an additional fine of up to \$50.

You should understand that your signature on this form has the same effect as a court judgment finding you guilty of the Forest Service offense listed on this form. If you sign and return this form, a record of your conviction will be sent to the Director of the Maine Forest Service.

If **Box #4** is checked on the first page of this form because you are charged with a **Traffic** offense:

If you have been given this form and are currently charged with a **Traffic** offense, then you **are** eligible to waive your rights and plead guilty to or admit the offense listed on this form.

You should understand that your signature on this form has the same effect as a court judgment finding you guilty of the Traffic offense listed on this form. If you sign and return this form, a record of your conviction will be sent to the Secretary of State.

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