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LOCATION

	North Main Stre	et	NOT FOR PUBLICATION	
CITY, TOWN		······································	CONGRESSIONAL DIST	RICT
	C Brewer	VICINITY OF	2nd, Hon. Wil	liam Cohen
STATE	<u> </u>	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
	Maine	23	Penobscot	019

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESE	NTUSE
DISTRICT	PUBLIC		AGRICULTURE	MUSEUM
_XBUILDING(S)		UNOCCUPIED	COMMERCIAL	PARK
STRUCTURE	ВОТН	WORK IN PROGRESS	EDUCATIONAL	PRIVATE RESIDENCE
SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	ENTERTAINMENT	RELIGIOUS
OBJECT	IN PROCESS	X_YES: RESTRICTED	GOVERNMENT	SCIENTIFIC
	BEING CONSIDERED	YES: UNRESTRICTED	INDUSTRIAL	TRANSPORTATION
		NO	MILITARY	XOTHER: recreation

OWNER OF PROPERTY

	NAME	Penobscot Salmon Club, Inc.		
	STREET & NUMBER	North Main Street		
	CITY, TOWN	Brewer VICINITY OF	STATE	Maine
	LOCATION OF L	EGAL DESCRIPTION		
	COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.	Penobscot County Registry of Deeds	5	
	STREET & NUMBER		<u> </u>	
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7 DESCRIPTION

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Although situated within the city limits of the Bangor-Brewer urban complex, the Penobscot Salmon Club, located in an unspoiled area on the east bank of the Penobscot River, retains the atmosphere of a peaceful woodland fishing camp. Approached by a quarter mile dirt road from U.S. Route, 2, the club house sits in a clearing a few yards from the river.

Built in 1923 to replace an earlier and much larger structure of 1887, the building is of a single story with a gable roof. On the water side is an open covered porch at ground level. The club house is shingled and has doors at one gable end and the long side opening onto the porch. The interior is a single large room with lockers, rod racks and a recreational area.

The porch gives a fine view of the Bangor Salmon pool, a stretch of shoal water along the east bank of the river which, in the 1880's was discovered to be remarkably productive for salmon fishing, specimens of 25 and even 28 pounds being not uncommon.

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AF	REAS OF SIGNIFICANCE CH	IECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW	
PREHISTORIC	ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	COMMUNITY PLANNING	LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	RELIGION
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1500-1599	AGRICULTURE	ECONOMICS	LITERATURE	SCULPTURE
1600-1699	ARCHITECTURE	EDUCATION	MILITARY	SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
	ART	ENGINEERING	MUSIC	THEATER
X_1800-1899	COMMERCE	EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	PHILOSOPHY	TRANSPORTATION
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SPECIFIC DAT	ES 1887–1894	BUILDER/ARCH	HITECT	

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

On the Penobscot River at Brewer is the famous Bangor Salmon Pool, a stretch of relatively shallow, fast running water. Along the shore at this point is the clubhouse of the Penobscot Salmon Club, Inc., a private club founded by local residents in 1894.

Although salmon were at one time very plentiful in the Penobscot, this particular area was found to be the most productive for the fisherman. Even today, although the average fish is smaller, many salmon are taken yearly from the "Pool".

Beginning in 1914, during the Wilson Administration, a tradition has been established by the club of sending the first salmon caught by a member each year to the President of the United States. Numerous letter of thanks from various Presidents are on file in the club records.

The present clubhouse, built in 1923, is somewhat smaller than the original building constructed in 1887, seven years prior to the formation of the club. The first structure was 31×45 feet in size with a horse shed 100 feet long attached to it.

Another tradition of long standing associated with the club, is the angler's breakfast held each year on opening day of the season. An early account of this activity described the proceedings as follows: "Members gathered before dawn at the clubhouse each April 1st, each with a setter dog, a pound of beefsteak and a quart of whiskey, the steak being for the dog".

As the site of a social and recreational organization, membership in which is highly valued, the Penobscot Salmon Club at the Bangor Salmon Pool is a distinguished holdover of a gentlemen's sporting club of the 19th century.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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hereby nominate this	property for inclusion ir	h the National	Register and certify	that it has been evalu	ated according to the
criteria and procedure	es set forth by the Nation	al Park Service			
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