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DATA SHEET

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC



Penobscot Salmon Club and Pool

AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

North Main Street

__NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Brewer

__ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2nd, Hon. William Cohen

STATE

Maine

CODE

23

COUNTY

Penobscot

CODE

019

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: recreation

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Penobscot Salmon Club, Inc.

STREET & NUMBER

North Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Brewer

__ VICINITY OF

STATE

Maine

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Penobscot County Registry of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Bangor

STATE

Maine

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

__FEDERAL __STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

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	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) recreation
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

1887-1894

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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 letters 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 x 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.

