

Parliament Info Sheet

Parliament is the true ruling power of the Thames. Sure, Queen Fishtoria is the heart of the empire, but Parliament is the brain, the real power.

Members of Parliament (MPs) may propose laws and budgetary items. They all represent different districts of the Thames. Some are elected into the Bed of Currents and some have a hereditary seat in the Bed of Lords. But that distinction is unimportant for this game.

It is probably important to note here that the system of Parliament in Brassy's Fish bears only the most passing resemblance to real life, and is strikingly wrong in many ways. We acknowledge this, and claim that all changes were made for the purpose of expediency, game mechanics, and plot.

Parliament is led by the Prime Minnow (PM), the most important elected fish in the Thames. The last PM dissolved Parliament, so there will be an election today directly following the Snootberry-Archfiend wedding. Directly after the election, there will be a meeting of Parliament.

Any MP may run for PM. The winner is the one who gets the most votes. All fish in the game get one vote, even if they are female or foreign. The vote represents their influence in the election, which coincidentally happens to be the same for everyone: one vote. The one exception is the Brassy's Fish itself. It doesn't get a vote. Sorry.

If there is a tie, Queen Fishtoria gets to pick the PM from the tied fish. Suck up to her early and often. Note that fish who are not MP may not run for PM nor may they become MP over the course of the game. Sorry again.

There are a number of issues on the docket for Parliament. The actual meeting will be chaired by the Prime Minnow who may decide in what order the votes are taken.

Each item on the docket has a game mechanics pass/fail result. That result takes effect *immediately* after the vote has been called. There should be a TM at Parliament to make sure that the effects happen. This result is in addition to the plot results of the bill passing.

Every MP has a number of District Votes with which to vote. On each vote, the MP must vote yea, nay, or abstain to the bill. A bill passes if it gets more yea votes than nay. Queen Fishtoria breaks all ties. Have you started sucking up to her yet?

Members of Parliament

Name	District Votes
Pietr Braincoral	4
Sir Archfiend	6
Ian Dunross-Fish	4
Archfishop Swimmer	5
Fishop Scaryface	6
Barbelthroat Carpetshark	5

The PM will get 3 additional District Votes.

The Docket

Item	Submitted By	Pass Result	Fail Result
<u>Funding for Inventors</u> The government will subsidize the research and development of its valuable researchers.	Pietr Braincoral	All characters with the Weird Science shtick will gain 1 small part of a random color. Braincoral will gain 3.	No effect.
<u>Permission for a Trans-Nile Railroad</u> The government grants permission for Archfiend to build an underwater railroad in the Nile.	Sir Archfiend	Archfiend gains 1 District Vote	Archfiend loses 1 District Vote
<u>Create a Parliamentary Advisory Committee for Queen Fishtoria</u> This would foster relations between Fishtoria and Parliament.	Ian Dunross-Fish	Dunross-Fish gains 1 District Vote	Dunross-Fish loses 1 District Vote.
<u>Charity for the Fish of the Nile</u> The government would send aid to the impoverished fish of the Nile, especially those whose villages have been hit by slave raiders.	Archfishop Swimmer	Archfishop Swimmer gains 1 District Vote	Archfishop Swimmer loses 1 District Vote.
<u>Eelish Home Rule</u> The Emerald Loch would be considered independent with the fish there able to create their own form of government.	Barbelthroat Carpetshark	Carpetshark gains 1 District Vote	Carpetshark loses 1 District Vote.

MPs who submitted items may choose to modify their items at any time before the vote. They may also choose to withdraw their items, although the game mechanics of the Fail results would take place immediately.

MPs may also wish to add items to the docket based on game play. Only the PM may choose which items are added, and may only add 2 new items to the docket. The TM may choose to assign a new pass or fail result to any modified or additional docket items.