

**NAME**

**sem** - POSIX semaphores

**SYNOPSIS**

To compile this driver into the kernel, place the following line in your kernel configuration file:

```
options P1003_1B_SEMAPHORES
```

Alternatively, to load the driver as a module at boot time, place the following line in loader.conf(5):

```
sem_load="YES"
```

To load the driver as a module at run-time, run the following command as root:

```
kldload sem
```

**DESCRIPTION**

The **sem** facility provides system calls used by the standard C library (*libc*) to implement POSIX semaphores. This facility offers support for such functions as **sem\_init()** and **sem\_wait()**. It is available both as a kernel option for static inclusion and as a dynamic kernel module.

**SEE ALSO**

[sem\\_destroy\(3\)](#), [sem\\_getvalue\(3\)](#), [sem\\_init\(3\)](#), [sem\\_open\(3\)](#), [sem\\_post\(3\)](#), [sem\\_wait\(3\)](#), [config\(8\)](#), [kldload\(8\)](#), [kldunload\(8\)](#)

**HISTORY**

The **sem** facility appeared in FreeBSD 5.0.