

# **Addendum V and Draft Coastwide Cap Overages Policy**



**American Eel Management Board  
August 6, 2019**

# WG Members



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- Megan Ware (ME)
- Cheri Patterson (NH)
- Lynn Fegley (MD)
- John Clark (DE)
- Pat Geer (VA)
- Chris Batsavage (NC)
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# Background



- Addendum V- approved August 2018
  - New Coastwide Cap: 916,473 lbs
  - New Management Trigger: 10% overage ( $\geq 1,008,120$  pounds) for 2 years
  - No allocations; states harvesting 1% of coastwide responsible for redux if Management Trigger tripped
  - Working Group (WG) to develop Coastwide Cap Overage Policy
- WG Calls: met Dec 2018; Jan- Feb, July 2019 (4 times)
  - Challenge #1: the Coastwide Cap can be exceed between 0-9% for multiple years before management action is required
  - Challenge #2: Lag in addressing Overage due to timing of landings
  - WG developed and considered different overage scenarios and reduction options

# Next Steps



- WG will meet later this month to continue work on the draft policy
- Draft Policy will be presented to Board at the Annual Meeting



**Questions?**

# American Eel Aquaculture Proposals



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# Outline



- Maine Proposal
- North Carolina Proposal
- Technical Committee Review
- Law Enforcement Committee feedback
- Questions

# Maine Proposal



- 2019 Summary: 130 pounds harvested
  - Each fisherman was allocated 10-20 lbs
  - Primary gear was fyke nets
  - Decision to not stress facility by harvesting less than the full 200 lbs allocation
- For 2020: No changes in facility or monitoring. Plan to harvest full 200 lbs allocation



# North Carolina Proposal



- 2019 Summary: 13.82 lbs of glass eels harvested.
  - Primary gear type fyke nets (Dip nets used once)
  - Fishing occurred in tributaries around Lake Mattamuskeet
  - In June, there was a total mortality event; no eels were raised and brought to market

# North Carolina Proposal Cont'd



- Proposed Changes
  - Two year proposal
  - Start fishing year on Nov 1- Mar 31 (cover two calendar years)
  - Time when nets need to be left open changed from 12:01pm to 3pm
  - Actual number or weight of glass eels harvested
  - Change to weekly CPUE reporting
  - Call-in to NCDMF with total harvest prior to leaving site

# TC Summary



- ME Proposal: No concerns
- NC Proposal: Minority opinion concern about moving start date to Nov 1
  - Group indicated that it might provide information about abundance in the fall
- TC Recommendation: Future proposals should provide information on 1) attributes of harvest locations 2) previous year's harvest 3) Require CPUE reporting for each harvest site
- **TC recommended approval of both proposals**

# LEC Summary



No LEC members objected to the proposals



**Questions ?**