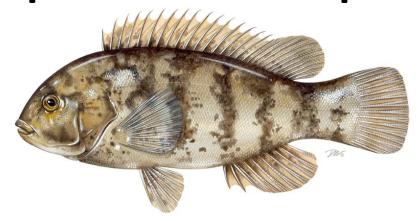


Tautog Commercial Harvest Tagging Program: Implementation Update



Tautog Management Board
October 28, 2019

Outline



- Background
- Update on Tag Orders
- Update on state implementation
- Consider Management Action (if necessary)

Background



- October 2018: Board postponed implementation of Tagging Program until January 1,2020
- August 2019: Board review of implementation guidelines
 - Requested states indicate whether they could implement program by January
 - Outlined tag and applicator details needed by September

Update on Tag Orders



- Received tags and applicator requests from states of MA-VA
 - Thank you!
- Orders placed earlier this month and currently being processed
- Anticipated delivery to the states by end of November-early December
 - If anything changes will let you know



Update on State Implementation



- MA: January 1
- RI: January 1
- CT: April 1
- NY: April 16
- NJ: early 2020
- DE: January 1
- MD: July 1
- VA: January 1

Other States of Interest



PA and NC

- PA: has yet to determine if it will be able to enforce the tagging requirement in its fish markets
- NC: does not plan to implement tagging program due to low landings levels in recent years.
 - Will be unable to sell untagged fish in states of MA-VA

Potential Management Action



- Specify any additional requirements for the 2020 tagging program based on information presented today
- No action required