ASMFC Begins Preparations for American Eel Benchmark Stock Assessment

Arlington, VA – The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission has begun work on the next American Eel Benchmark Stock Assessment and is requesting data from academia, member states, federal partners, participating jurisdictions and stakeholders. A data workshop has not been scheduled yet but is likely to occur in late 2020.

The Commission welcomes the submission of data sources that will improve the accuracy of the assessment. This includes, but is not limited to, data on catch per unit effort (young-of-the-year surveys, yellow eel surveys), biological samples (lengths, ages, stage data), and life history information (growth, maturity, natural mortality). For data sets to be considered, the data must be sent in the required format with accompanying description of methods to Dr. Kristen Anstead, Stock Assessment Scientist, at kanstead@asmfc.org by October 1, 2020.

For more information about the assessments or the submission and presentation of materials, please contact Kirby Rootes-Murdy, Senior Fishery Management Plan Coordinator, at krootes-murdy@asmfc.org or 703.842.0740.

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