



Tautog Commercial Harvest Tagging Program: Implementation Update



**Tautog Management Board
September 1, 2020**

Outline



- Background
- Update on state implementation
- Considerations for 2021 fishing season
- Consider Management Action (if necessary)

Background



- October 2018
 - Implementation of Tagging Program postponed until January 1, 2020
- Fall 2019
 - States submitted biological metric in September
 - Tags and applicators were ordered by ASMFC Staff
 - All states received orders by December 2019
- Implementation was expected for many states starting January 2020

2020 Update



- States do not need to reimburse ASMFC for 2020 tags
- March: COVID-19 pandemic delayed implementation for many states
 - state by state details provided in memo
- April and May
 - NY and CT decided to postpone implementation until 2021

Planning for 2021 Tagging Program



- Designate state contact for ordering Tags & Applicators
- Develop plan for distributing tags
 - COVID-19 challenges may persist
- Biological metric (# of tags and methodology)
 - Estimate of tags needed in a few weeks
- Orders should be placed by **Oct 1**
- Unused 2020 tags need to be collected by Feb 15, 2021
- '21 Tags will be the same design w/year updated

For Board Consideration



- NY is requesting to use 2020 tags for next year
 - Conflicts with Amendment 1 language; Board approved needed

LEC Feedback

- With early enough notice, no problem
- Should be an exception, not precedent setting
- Tag accounting in other states will be important

If the Board approves, LEC should be notified well in advance of 2021 fishing season



Questions

2021 Stock Assessment Update



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Stock Assessment Subcommittee



Region	SAS Members
MA-RI	Coly Ares (RI), Sam Truesdell (MA)
LIS	Jacob Kasper (UCONN)
NJ-NYB	Lindy Barry (NJ)
DMV	Alexei Sharov (MD)
Staff	Katie Drew and Kirby Rootes-Murdy

Draft Timetable



	Task	Date
✓	TC planning call	January 13, 2020
✓	TC COVID-related planning call	April 7, 2020
✓	State data through 2019 submitted	June 15, 2020
✓	SAS call to review data submission, assign tasks	End of June/early July 2020
	New MRIP estimates incorporated into ASAP inputs through 2019	Mid-September 2020
	Continuity run thru 2017 completed	Late October 2020
	Prelim ASAP runs with new MRIP data through 2019 to identify model performance issues	January 2021
	2020 data submitted	May 1, 2021
	ASAP runs with final data completed	July 1, 2021
	TC review/approve draft assessment report	Week of September 21, 2021
	Assessment update presented to Board	Week of October 19, 2021



Questions