

MEETING OVERVIEW

American Eel Management Board

January 23, 2024

4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Hybrid Meeting

Chair: Kris Kuhn (PA) Assumed Chairmanship: 10/23	Technical Committee Chair: Danielle Carty (SC)	Law Enforcement Committee Representative: Rob Beal (ME)
Vice Chair: VACANT	Advisory Panel Chair: Mari-Beth DeLucia (TNC)	Previous Board Meeting: October 19, 2023
Voting Members: ME, NH, MA, RI, CT, NY, NJ, PA, DE, MD, PRFC, VA, NC, SC, GA, FL, D.C, NMFS, USFWS (19 votes)		

2. Board Consent

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Proceedings from October 2023

3. Public Comment – At the beginning of the meeting public comment will be taken on items not on the agenda. Individuals that wish to speak at this time must sign-in at the beginning of the meeting. For agenda items that have already gone out for public hearing and/or have had a public comment period that has closed, the Board Chair may determine that additional public comment will not provide additional information. In this circumstance the Chair will not allow additional public comment on an issue. For agenda items that the public has not had a chance to provide input, the Board Chair may allow limited opportunity for comment. The Board Chair has the discretion to limit the number of speakers and/or the length of each comment.

4. Consider Draft Addendum VI on Maine’s Glass Eel Quota for Public Comment (4:15-4:45 p.m.) Action
<p>Background</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In August 2023, the Board initiated Draft Addendum VI to address the quota for Maine’s glass eel fishery for the 2025 fishing year and beyond. The current quota expires at the end of 2024. • The Plan Development Team met several times to develop the Draft Addendum for Public Comment. Draft Addendum VI considers options for Maine’s commercial glass eel quota level and duration (Briefing Materials).
<p>Presentations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Addendum VI on Maine’s Glass Eel Quota for Public Comment by C. Starks
<p>Board Actions for Consideration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve Draft Addendum VI for Public Comment

5. Consider Draft Addendum VII on Yellow Eel Management and Monitoring Requirements for Public Comment (4:45-5:25 p.m.) Action

Background

- In response to the stock assessment findings that the American eel stock is depleted to historically low levels, and recommendation to reduce yellow eel fishing mortality, the Board initiated an addendum to consider changes to the coastwide cap for yellow eel harvest.
- The PDT met several times to develop the Draft Addendum for Public Comment. The Draft Addendum includes options that consider reducing the coastwide cap for commercial yellow eel harvest using the *I_{TARGET}* tool recommended in the assessment, and the management response if the cap is exceeded (**Briefing Materials**).
- Draft Addendum VII also considers options to modify monitoring and harvester reporting requirements consistent with stock assessment and Technical Committee recommendations (**Briefing Materials**).

Presentations

- Overview of Draft Addendum VII for Public Comment by C. Starks

Board Actions for Consideration

- Approve Draft Addendum VII for Public Comment

6. Consider Fishery Management Plan Review and State Compliance Reports for the 2022 Fishing Year (5:20-5:25 p.m.) Action

Background

- State Compliance Reports were due on September 1, 2023.
- The Plan Review Team reviewed each state report and compiled the annual FMP Review (**Briefing Materials**).
- New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, District of Columbia, and Georgia have requested and meet the requirements for *de minimis* for their yellow eel fisheries. Florida requested but does not qualify for *de minimis* as the state landings in 2022 exceed 1% of the coastwide yellow eel landings.

Presentations

- Fishery Management Plan Review for the 2022 Fishing Year for American Eel by C. Starks

Board Actions for Consideration

- Approve Fishery Management Plan Review, State Compliance Reports, and *de minimis* requests

7. Review and Populate Advisory Panel Membership (5:25-5:30 p.m.) Action

Background

- Sara Rademaker, an eel aquaculturist from Maine, has been nominated to serve on the Advisory Panel (**Briefing Materials**).
- Timothy LaRochelle, an elver fisherman from Maine, has been nominated to serve on the Advisory Panel (**Supplemental Materials**).

Board Actions for Consideration at the Meeting

- Approve Advisory Panel nomination

8. Other Business/Adjourn



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MEMORANDUM

January 17, 2024

To: American Eel Management Board
From: Tina Berger, Director of Communications
RE: Advisory Panel Nominations

Please find attached two new nominations to the American Eel Advisory Panel – Sara Rademaker, an eel aquaculturist, and Timothy LaRochelle, a commercial net fisherman. Both are from Maine. Sara replaces David Allen and Timothy replaces Patricia Bryant on the Panel. Please review these nominations for action at the next Board meeting.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (703) 842-0749 or tberger@asmfc.org.

Enc.

cc: Caitlin Starks

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AMERICAN EEL ADVISORY PANEL

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Bolded and italicized name denotes Advisory Panel Chair

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Maine

Sara Rademacher (aquaculture)
186 One Pie Road
Waldoboro, ME 04572
Phone: 260.417.2883
sara@americanunagi.com

Timothy LaRochelle (comm net)
706 Middle Road
Woolwich, ME 04579
Phone: 207.319.9890
Tim192@comcast.net

New Hampshire

Vacancy – comm/trap

Massachusetts

Vacancy – dealer/comm fisherman

Connecticut

Steve Lewis (rec/non-eel angler)
654 Cypress Road
Newington, CT 06111
Phone: (860)667-2515
Appt. Confirmed: 5/21/97
Appt. Reconfirmed 10/1/01
Appt Reconfirmed 10/05
Appt Reconfirmed 5/10

New York

Vacancy – rec/pot for bait eels

New Jersey

Vacancy – commercial

Pennsylvania

Mitchell Feigenbaum (buyer/exporter)
17 Weirwood Road
Radnor, PA 19087
Phone (day): (215)859-0428
Phone (eve): (610)964-8465
FAX: (610)277-4051
feigen15@yahoo.com
Appt. Confirmed: 8/17/04
Appt Reconfirmed 8/07

Vacancy – recreational

Delaware

Lawrence Voss (comm./pot)
3215 Big Oak Road
Smyrna, DE 19977
Phone: (302)359-0951
shrlvss@aol.com
Appt Confirmed 10/22/18

Maryland

William R. Legg (comm./pot)
110 Rebel Road
Grasonville, MD 21638
Phone (eve): (410)310-4072
Phone (eve): (410) 820-5841
Appt. Confirmed 8/17/05
Appt Reconfirmed 5/10

Vacancy – comm/pot

Virginia

Warren M. Cosby Jr. (comm/fyke & gillnet/aquaculture)
9321 Turkey Hill Lane
New Kent, VA 23124
Phone: (804)932-4735
Appt. Confirmed: 5/21/97
Appt. Reconfirmed 10/1/01
Appt Reconfirmed 10/05
Appt Reconfirmed 5/10

Vacancy – comm/pot, fyke & gillnet

North Carolina

2 Vacancies – comm/pot & dealer

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South Carolina

Richard Stoughton (comm/fyke net)
1933 Culver Avenue
Charleston, SC 29407
Phone: 843.729.5203
captrichard@live.com
Appt Confirmed 10/22/18

Florida

Vacancy (dealer/aquaculture/
intl exp.)

PRFC

James I. Trossbach (comm/pot)
46377 Drayden Road
Drayden, MD 20630
Phone (day): (301)481-8906
Phone (eve): (301)994-3577
Appt Confirmed 11/10/04
Appt Reconfirmed 11/07

At-Large Seats

Tim Brush (hydropower)
Normandeau Associates
917 Route 12, #1
Westmoreland, NH 03467
603-355-2333
603-355-2332 fax
tbrush@normandeau.com
Appt. Confirmed: 10/21/97
Appt. Reconfirmed 10/1/01
Appt. Confirmed 8/05

Mari-Beth DeLucia (environmental)
The Nature Conservancy
2101 North Front St.
Building #1 Suite 200
Harrisburg, PA 17110
(717)232-6001 x 215
mdelucia@tnc.org
Appt Confirmed 5/21/13



ATLANTIC STATES MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION

Advisory Panel Nomination Form

This form is designed to help nominate Advisors to the Commission’s Species Advisory Panels. The information on the returned form will be provided to the Commission’s relevant species management board or section. Please answer the questions in the categories (All Nominees, Commercial Fisherman, Charter/Headboat Captain, Recreational Fisherman, Dealer/Processor, or Other Interested Parties) that pertain to the nominee’s experience. If the nominee fits into more than one category, answer the questions for all categories that fit the situation. **Also, please fill in the sections which pertain to All Nominees (pages 1 and 2). In addition, nominee signatures are required to verify the provided information (page 4), and Commissioner signatures are requested to verify Commissioner consensus (page 4). Please print and use a black pen.**

Form submitted by: _____ State: _____
(your name)

Name of Nominee: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Please provide the appropriate numbers where the nominee can be reached:

Phone (day): _____ Phone (evening): _____

FAX: _____ Email: _____

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FOR ALL NOMINEES:

1. Please list, in order of preference, the Advisory Panel for which you are nominating the above person.

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____

2. Has the nominee been found in violation of criminal or civil federal fishery law or regulation or convicted of any felony or crime over the last three years?

yes _____ no _____

3. Is the nominee a member of any fishermen's organizations or clubs?

yes _____ no _____

If "yes," please list them below by name.

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

4. What kinds (species) of fish and/or shellfish has the nominee fished for during the past year?

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

5. What kinds (species) of fish and/or shellfish has the nominee fished for in the past?

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

FOR COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN:

1. How many years has the nominee been the commercial fishing business? _____ years

2. Is the nominee employed only in commercial fishing? yes _____ no _____

3. What is the predominant gear type used by the nominee? _____

4. What is the predominant geographic area fished by the nominee (i.e., inshore, offshore)? _____

FOR CHARTER/HEADBOAT CAPTAINS:

1. How long has the nominee been employed in the charter/headboat business? _____ years

2. Is the nominee employed only in the charter/headboat industry? yes _____ no _____

If "no," please list other type(s) of business(es) and/occupation(s): _____

3. How many years has the nominee lived in the home port community? _____ years

If less than five years, please indicate the nominee's previous home port community.

FOR RECREATIONAL FISHERMEN:

1. How long has the nominee engaged in recreational fishing? _____ years

2. Is the nominee working, or has the nominee ever worked in any area related to the fishing industry? yes _____ no _____

If "yes," please explain.

FOR SEAFOOD PROCESSORS & DEALERS:

1. How long has the nominee been employed in the business of seafood processing/dealing? _____ years

2. Is the nominee employed only in the business of seafood processing/dealing?

yes _____ no _____ If "no," please list other type(s) of business(es) and/or occupation(s):

3. How many years has the nominee lived in the home port community? _____ years

If less than five years, please indicate the nominee's previous home port community.

FOR OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES:

1. How long has the nominee been interested in fishing and/or fisheries management? _____ years

2. Is the nominee employed in the fishing business or the field of fisheries management?
yes _____ no _____

If "no," please list other type(s) of business(es) and/or occupation(s):

FOR ALL NOMINEES:

In the space provided below, please provide the Commission with any additional information which you feel would assist us in making choosing new Advisors. You may use as many pages as needed.

I started working with eels in 2012 in an effort to bring eel aquaculture to Maine. In 2014, I founded American Unagi and started growing out eels using land-based aquaculture.

Nominee Signature: Sam Rubin

Date: 11/27/23

Name: _____
(please print)

COMMISSIONERS SIGN-OFF (not required for non-traditional stakeholders)

State Director

Megan Ware

State Legislator

On Behalf of Maine Commissioners

Governor's Appointee



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Form submitted by: Pat Keliher State: Maine
(your name)

Name of Nominee: Timothy J LaRochelle

Address: 706 Middle Road

City, State, Zip: Woolwich, ME 04579

Please provide the appropriate numbers where the nominee can be reached:

Phone (day): 207-319-9890 Phone (evening): —

FAX: — Email: tim192@comcast.net

FOR ALL NOMINEES:

1. Please list, in order of preference, the Advisory Panel for which you are nominating the above person.

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____

2. Has the nominee been found in violation of criminal or civil federal fishery law or regulation or convicted of any felony or crime over the last three years?

yes _____ no

3. Is the nominee a member of any fishermen's organizations or clubs?

yes no

If "yes," please list them below by name.

NEFSA _____

4. What kinds (species) of fish and/or shellfish has the nominee fished for during the past year?

tuna _____ lobster _____
ground fish _____
elvers _____

5. What kinds (species) of fish and/or shellfish has the nominee fished for in the past?

tuna _____ lobster _____
ground fish _____ scallops _____
elvers _____

FOR COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN:

1. How many years has the nominee been the commercial fishing business? 40+ years

2. Is the nominee employed only in commercial fishing? yes no

3. What is the predominant gear type used by the nominee? nets

4. What is the predominant geographic area fished by the nominee (i.e., inshore, offshore)? combination of both: neither predominant

FOR CHARTER/HEADBOAT CAPTAINS:

1. How long has the nominee been employed in the charter/headboat business? _____ years

2. Is the nominee employed only in the charter/headboat industry? yes _____ no _____

If "no," please list other type(s) of business(es) and/occupation(s): _____

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_____ years

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yes _____ no _____ If "no," please list other type(s) of business(es) and/or occupation(s):

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yes no

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I have been ever fishing since they have had ~~is~~ licenses
and I have been tuna fishing my whole life
commercial?

Nominee Signature: 

Date: 01/13/24

Name: Timothy J LaRoche
(please print)

COMMISSIONERS SIGN-OFF (not required for non-traditional stakeholders)

Megan Ware On behalf of Maine Commissioners
State Director State Legislator

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