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February 12, 2013

To Whom It May Concern:

After reading ASMFC Stock Assessment Overview, it would seem to me inaccurate to conclude that the American Eel stock is being depleted and hope that the State of NJ would continue to gather more data. At the last eel meeting the person doing the glass eel study stated that there had been an increase in pounds each year since their glass eel study began. I can only base my reply on 35 years of commercial eeling where different factors have affected my catch. I noticed a decrease in my catch when the clam houses were no longer allowed to dump surf clam belly overboard; when glass eeling was opened I found my catch to be significantly reduced for several years; and presently it is due to the fact that NJ has banned the harvest of horseshoe crabs which has resulted in female horseshoe crab market expensive and difficult to find. Because of the present bait situation, this has resulted in smaller amounts of bait used to bait my pots (from 1/2 of female crab to 1/8 or less) which has drastically reduced my daily catch.

If new regulations are considered for public comment I would like to see the option that all States eliminate the harvest of glass eels be included and suggest that States use limited entry which other fisheries have used (i.e., blue claw, gill netting, etc.). Licenses should only be granted to those who reported a minimum catch of 3,500 lbs. from 2006 to present. I believe this action was approved by commercial eelers at their last meeting.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Samuel L. Veach



# Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

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## MEMORANDUM

January 28, 2013

TO: American Eel Management Board

FROM: Tina Berger, Public Affairs Specialist

SUBJECT: **Non-traditional Stakeholder Nomination**

Please find attached for your consideration two outstanding AP nominations for Sam Veach, a New Jersey commercial fisherman, and Sam Livingston, a South Carolina commercial fishermen to the American Eel Advisory Panel. Their nomination formations are attachment.

Also for your consideration is an application to fill a non-traditional stakeholder seat currently available on the American Eel Advisory Panel. Jake Kritzer, with Environmental Defense, stepped down from the panel last year. The two other non-traditional stakeholders on the panel are Tim Brush, representing the hydropower industry, and Eric Helm Buehl, an environmental advocate with the Delaware Inland Bays Program. While we did not send out a formal solicitation to fill Mr. Kritzer's seat, we received the attached nomination form from Mari-Beth DeLucia, a Senior Fisheries/Aquatic Biologist with The Nature Conservancy in New York.

Enc.

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## AMERICAN EEL ADVISORY PANEL

Bolded names await approval by the American Eel Management Board  
Bolded and italicized name denotes Advisory Panel Chair

January 30, 2013

### **Maine**

David Allen (rec)  
22 Allen Lane  
Washington, ME 04574  
Phone: (207)845-2704  
Email: [maineeagle@pivot.net](mailto:maineeagle@pivot.net)  
Appt Confirmed 11/10/04  
Appt Reconfirmed 11/07

Patricia Bryant (glass eel harvester)  
74 Duck Puddle Road  
Nobleboro, ME 04555  
Phone/FAX: (207)563-5611  
Phone (eve): (207) 563-3365  
Email: [pbeelandurchins@yahoo.com](mailto:pbeelandurchins@yahoo.com)  
Appt. Confirmed 5/10/05  
Appt Reconfirmed 5/10

### **New Hampshire**

Vacancy (comm/trap)

### **Massachusetts**

John Henry (dealer/fisherman)  
9 Cedarwood Road  
Gloucester, MA 01930  
Phone: (978)281-3275  
FAX: (508)282-7408  
Appt. Confirmed: 5/21/97  
Appt. Reconfirmed 10/1/01  
Appt Reconfirmed 11/05  
Appt Reconfirmed 5/10

### **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**

**Sam Veach (comm.)**  
**Route, 49**  
**P.O. Box 536**  
**Tuckahoe, NJ 08250-0536**  
**Phone (day): (609) 425-0807**  
**Phone (eve): (609) 628-4538**  
**[SBVeach@aol.com](mailto:SBVeach@aol.com)**

### **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  
Email: [feigen15@yahoo.com](mailto:feigen15@yahoo.com)  
Appt. Confirmed: 8/17/04  
Appt Reconfirmed 8/07

### **Delaware**

Robert Piascinski (comm/pot/adult)  
253 Shaws Corner Road  
Dover, DE 19904  
Phone: (302)735-1668  
Appt. Confirmed: 5/21/97  
Appt. Reconfirmed 10/1/01  
Appt Reconfirmed 10/05  
Appt Reconfirmed 5/10

### **Maryland**

Robert H. Evans (comm./pot)  
5527 Muddy Creek Road  
Churchton, MD 20733  
Phone(Day): 443/336-3000  
Phone(eve): 410/956-3327  
Appt. Confirmed 5/10/05  
Appt Reconfirmed 5/10

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

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### **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**

Robert Hutchinson (comm/pot/intl exp.)  
2692 Whichards Beach Road  
Chocowinity, NC 27817  
Phone: (919)946-2514  
Appt. Confirmed: 5/21/97  
Appt. Reconfirmed 10/1/01  
Appt. Reconfirmed 3/22/06  
Appt Reconfirmed 5/10

***Vacancy - dealer***

### **South Carolina**

**Jimmy Livingston (comm/fyke net)**  
670 Anderson Lane  
Cordesville, SC 29434  
Phone (day): (843) 761-1407  
Email: [Livingtees1@homesc.com](mailto:Livingtees1@homesc.com)

### **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

Eric Helm Buehl (environmental)  
16529 Coastal Highway  
Lewes, DE 19958  
Phone (day): (302)645-7325  
Phone (eve): (410)364-5553  
FAX: (302)645-5765  
Email: [habitat@inlandbays.org](mailto:habitat@inlandbays.org)  
Appt. Confirmed 8/17/05

### **Mari-Beth DeLucia (environmental)**

**The Nature Conservancy**  
22 patterson Street  
Port Jervis, NY 112771  
Phone: (914)714-4669  
Email: [mdelucia@tnc.org](mailto:mdelucia@tnc.org)



**ATLANTIC STATES MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION**

**Advisory Panel Nomination Form**

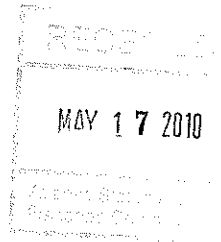
This form is designed to help nominate Advisors to the Commission's Species Advisory Panels. The information on the returned form will be provided to the Commission's relevant species management board or section. Please answer the questions in the categories (All Nominees, Commercial Fisherman, Charter/Headboat 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: Wallace Jenkins State: SC  
(your name)

Name of Nominee: James R. Livingston

Address: 670 Anderson Ln.

City, State, Zip: Cordova S.C. 29434



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

Phone (day): 843-761-1467

Phone (evening): \_\_\_\_\_

FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: livingtees1@homeSC.com

**FOR ALL NOMINEES:**

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

- 1. American Eel
- 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.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

Clam  
\_\_\_\_\_

EEL  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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

Clams / oysters  
\_\_\_\_\_

EEL  
\_\_\_\_\_

Shrimp  
\_\_\_\_\_

Crabs  
\_\_\_\_\_

Snapper / Grouper  
\_\_\_\_\_

Catfish  
\_\_\_\_\_

**FOR COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN:**

1. How many years has the nominee been the commercial fishing business? 25 years
2. Is the nominee employed only in commercial fishing? yes \_\_\_\_\_ no ✓
3. What is the predominant gear type used by the nominee? Fyke Nets
4. What is the predominant geographic area fished by the nominee (i.e., inshore, offshore)? Inshore

**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.

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**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):

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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.

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**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):

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**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.

Nominee Signature: James R. Livingston

Date: 5-5-12

Name: James R. Livingston  
(please print)

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

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State Director

\_\_\_\_\_  
State Legislator

\_\_\_\_\_  
Governor's Appointee





# ATLANTIC STATES MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION

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Form submitted by: Tom McCloy  
~~Samuel L. Veach~~ State: N.J.  
 (your name)

Name of Nominee: Samuel L. Veach

Address: Rt. 49 Box 536

City, State, Zip: Tuckahoe, N.J. 08250

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

Phone (day): 609-425-0807 Phone (evening): 609-628-4538

FAX: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: SB VEACH@aol.com

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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. EEH Advisory Panel
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 X

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

yes \_\_\_\_\_ no X

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

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

EELS & Crabs, Perch,  
bunkers.

\_\_\_\_\_

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

EELS, CRABS, Perch,  
bunkers, couch.

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**FOR COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN:**

- How many years has the nominee been the commercial fishing business? 40 years
- Is the nominee employed only in commercial fishing? yes X no \_\_\_\_\_
- What is the predominant gear type used by the nominee? Pots
- What is the predominant geographic area fished by the nominee (i.e., inshore, offshore)? inshore (Delaware bay)

**FOR CHARTER/HEADBOAT CAPTAINS:**

- How long has the nominee been employed in the charter/headboat business? \_\_\_\_\_ years
- 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): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 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 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.

Nominee Signature: Samuel L. Veach

Date: 6-4-2010

Name: Samuel L. Veach  
(please print)

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

[Signature]  
State Director

[Signature]  
State Legislator

[Signature]  
Governor's Appointee



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Form submitted by: Mari-Beth DeLucia State: NY  
(your name)

Name of Nominee: Mari-Beth DeLucia

Address: 22 Patterson St.

City, State, Zip: Port Jervis, NY 12771

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

Phone (day): 914-714-4669

Phone (evening): 914-714-4669

FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: mdelucia@tnc.org

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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. American eel
- 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 X

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

yes \_\_\_\_\_ no X

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

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

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

Bluefish

Trout

Flounder

Yellow perch

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**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.  
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**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.

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

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**FOR OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES:**

1. How long has the nominee been interested in fishing and/or fisheries management? <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 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):

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SEE ATTACHED

Nominee Signature: Mari-Beth DeL

Date: 1/4/13

Name: Mari-Beth DeLucia  
(please print)

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
State Director

\_\_\_\_\_  
State Legislator

\_\_\_\_\_  
Governor's Appointee

I am the Senior Fisheries/Aquatic Ecologist with The Nature Conservancy in New York. We employ a non-confrontational approach to conservation and work cooperatively with fishermen, governments, indigenous communities and people around the world to ensure that fish stocks are well managed and can support sustainable fisheries.

Some of my qualifications for the American eel AP seat include the following:

- I hold an M.S. in Natural Resource Management and over the last seven years I've been working on diadromous fish conservation with a focus on American eel. I was the co-investigator on a three-year American eel abundance and biomass study in Upper Delaware basin, (NY, NJ and PA). Results from this study were included in the recent eel stock assessment.
- Currently, through my liaison seat on the Delaware River Basin Fish and Wildlife Management Cooperative, I'm assisting the Coop with completing the American Shad Habitat Plan as required under Amendment III.
- I've been a member of the Atlantic Coast Fish Habitat Partnership's Science and Data Committee since its inception and I am one of the primary authors of the Species/Habitat Matrix.
- I'm a member of the IUCN Anguillid Species Specialist Subgroup; this group intends to complete a conservation assessment for Anguillid eels worldwide this year.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Mari-Beth DeLucia