



# **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

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# 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