

# Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

## American Eel Technical Committee Call

### Draft Agenda

*Monday July 15, 2019*

*10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.*

The times listed are approximate; the order in which these items will be taken is subject to change; other items may be added as necessary.

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- 1) **Welcome/Review draft agenda** (Facilitator: *J. Zimmerman, Chair*) 10:00-10:05 a.m.  
Assign note taker for the call
- 2) **ME and NC Eel Aquaculture Proposals** (Presenters: *ME DMR Staff and NC DMF Staff*)  
10:05 -11:30 a.m.  
Objective: Review the technical components of the Aquaculture proposal, specifically whether the plan has all of the required elements. Develop recommendations to the Board based on the technical review of the proposal.

- Review 2019 Harvest program and performance for both ME and NC

*Key Questions for evaluating proposals for 2020 fishing season:*

- i. Does Plan have all of the required elements? (Check list approach)
  1. Suitable Harvest Location were considered along the following criteria:
    - a. Established or proposed glass eel monitoring;
    - b. Are favorable to law enforcement;
    - c. Watershed characteristics that are prone to relatively high mortality rates
  2. Pounds requested
  3. Location, method, and dates of harvest
  4. Duration of requested harvest
  5. Prior approval of any applicable permits
  6. Description of the facility, including the capacity of the facility the glass eels will be held, and husbandry methods
  7. Description of the markets the eels will be distributed to
  8. Monitoring program to ensure harvest is not exceeded
  9. Adequate enforcement capabilities/penalties for violations- This element will be addressed by the LEC.

- ii. Address questions on disease prevention and escapement regarding potential impact to the wild population
- iii. Questions of compliance will not be address by the TC the LEC will address these questions.

- Desired Outcome: Recommendations (10 mins)

3) **Update on USGS GIS Project** 11:30-11:40 a.m.

4) **Report on Canada DFO Data Workshop** 11:40-11:55 a.m.

5) **Any other business** 11:45-12:00 p.m.