

AMERICAN EELS: Return of the Natives

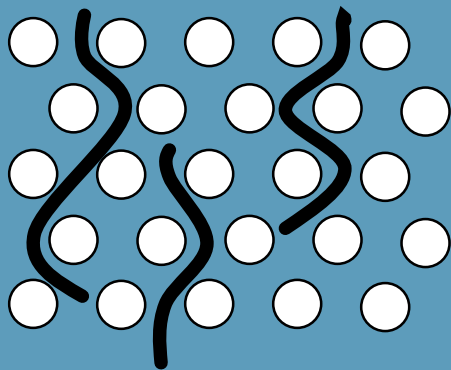
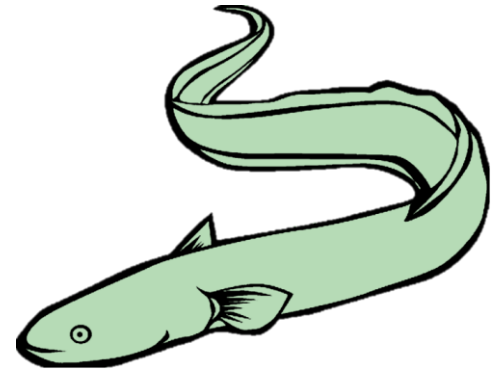


ARE AMERICAN EELS SALT OR FRESHWATER FISH?

American eels spawn in the ocean, migrate up to 1,500 miles along the Atlantic Coast of North America, and live as adults in rivers and streams.

HOW ARE AMERICAN EELS DOING?

Abundant in the U.S. when European settlers arrived and have since been listed as endangered. Young eels are worth up to \$2,000 per pound as a delicacy.

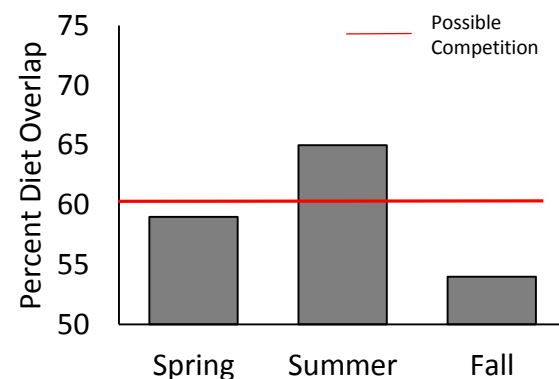


HOW DO WE HELP AMERICAN EELS?

Building eel ladders that allow eels to climb around dams, or removing dams, is good for eels and their ecosystem as a whole.

DO AMERICAN EELS AFFECT OTHER FISH?

It appears that eels do not compete significantly with trout, and their presence may even increase the resilience of streams to invasive species.



WHAT NOW?

Learn more about how you can help conserve American eels;

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