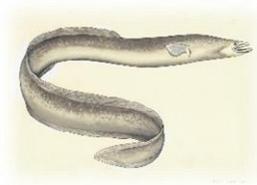


Summer of 2023

The Curious Fisherman

Elk Lake Eels

..... Jack Mulka



A question to Daryl Pierce, PFC Area Fisheries Mgr.

Question:

Elk Lake has a plentiful supply of American Eels, ranging in size of 6 to 28 inches. Two fish population surveys conducted by Aquatic Environment Consultants noted these findings in their 2009 and 2019 studies. There are waterways from the lake to the Delaware River including the Lackawaxen River and Van Auken Creek. I suspect because of the range in size they go out to the Sargasso Sea and reproduce. Your thoughts?

I have been told they arrived here from the canals that were built by the railroad industry transporting coal to New York.

Answer:

It is very likely the Eels of Elk Lake are exiting the lake to eventually get to the Sargasso Sea. This occurs in the fall months. And yes, the incoming eels are very tenacious in moving back upriver generally middle to late summer for Elk Lake.

This is the link for the Approved Species List

www.fishandboat.com/Fishing/All-About-Fish/Catch-PA-Fish/Documents/speciesapp.pdf

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