



WANTED – AMERICAN EELS FROM THE ROANOKE RIVER BASIN, UPSTREAM OF ROANOKE RAPIDS DAM

Dominion Energy (Virginia/North Carolina Power) in cooperation with state and federal resource agencies is investigating the movements of American Eels in the Roanoke River system upstream of Roanoke Rapids and Gaston Dams, North Carolina. The study is being conducted as part of a program to provide passage for American Eels upstream of dams owned and operated by Dominion. Dominion Energy has provided passage upstream of Roanoke Rapids Dam since 2009 and will begin upstream passage efforts above Gaston Dam in 2020. Any eels caught by anglers from the Roanoke (Staunton) River or its tributary streams (including the Hyco, Pigg, and Dan Rivers), or from Roanoke Rapids Lake, Lake Gaston, Kerr Reservoir, Leesville Reservoir or Smith Mountain Lake are of interest.

If you catch an American Eel from the Roanoke River drainage basin, it would benefit the study if you could document the eel with a picture, location, and approximate length. Contact:

RoanokeRiverEels@dominionenergy.com

as soon as possible after observing or collecting the eel. If the eel is retained, please bag and freeze the eel as soon as possible. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated and will benefit efforts to restore American Eels to their historic range. Thank you!



**North Carolina & Virginia
American Eel
Size and Harvest Limit:**
Minimum: 9 Inch Total Length
Harvest Limit: 25 per day

