

## CAHPS Outreach

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# Commercial Aquaculture Health Program Standards

- Partnership USDA-APHIS Veterinary Services and the National Aquaculture Association
- Aquatic animal health management challenged by:
  - Species, production system, and location diversity.
  - Variation in state-to-state aquatic animal health regulations.
  - Expensive and potentially meaningless testing.
- CAHPS includes:
  - Farm level health management practices
  - Farm biosecurity
  - Consistent, science-based standards.
  - Flexibility - Establishment, Zone, Compartment



# CAHPS Principles

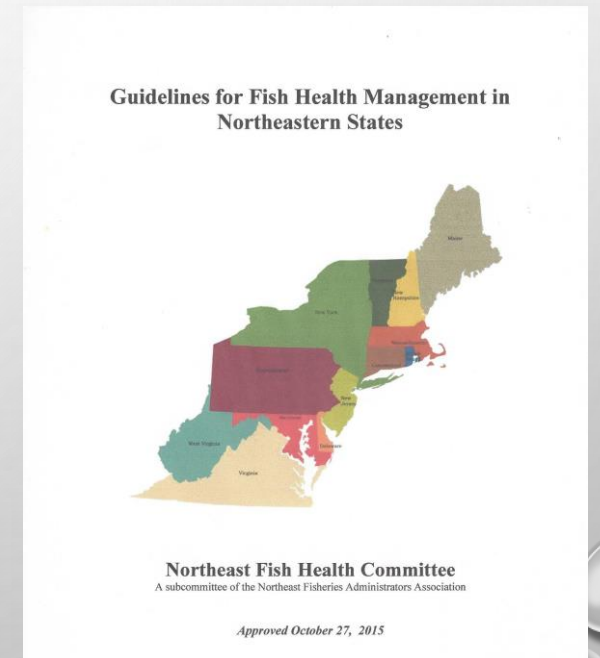
## Aquatic Animal Health Plan:

- Farm Specific Aquatic Animal Health Team
- Risk Characterization and Management
- Surveillance
- Investigation and Reporting
- Response



# CAHPS Challenges

- State Lead Agency – Agriculture or Natural Resources/Fish and Game
  - Multiple agencies and regulations
  - Regional Fish Health Guidelines
  - AFS Blue Book
  - OIE
  - No consistency
- Voluntary and Rigorous
- State Level Recognition



# Throwing Down the Gauntlet; Not Throwing in the Towel



Southern Animal Health Association – Nashville, TN.

NE Fish Health Committee Meeting – Bellefonte, PA.

- Initiated an outreach and challenge to state agencies (Agriculture and Natural Resources) to evaluate the utility of CAHPS as an alternative to historic pathogen list driven ((hazard-based) regulations.



Thank You!

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