

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MAINE**

U.S. DISTRICT COURT
PORTLAND, MAINE
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

YARANN IM

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**Criminal No.
(16 U.S.C. §§ 3372, 3373)**

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INFORMATION

The Assistant Attorney General of the Environment and Natural Resources Division and the United States Attorney for the District of Maine charge:

COUNT ONE

On about March 29, 2014, in the District of Maine and elsewhere, the defendant,

YARANN IM,

knowingly engaged in conduct that involved the sale and purchase of, the offer of sale and purchase of, and the intent to sell and purchase wildlife, that is, juvenile American eels (“elvers”), with a market value in excess of \$350, and knowingly transported such wildlife in interstate commerce between Delaware and Maine, knowing that such wildlife was taken, possessed, transported, and sold in violation of and in a manner unlawful under the regulations of Virginia, specifically Title 4, Virginia Administrative Code, 20-500-40, and Title 4, Virginia Administrative Code, 20-500-35; and North Carolina, specifically North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission Rule 15A NCAC 03H.0103 and Proclamation FF-74-2013.

In violation of Title 16, United States Code, Sections 3372(a)(2)(A) and 3373(d)(1)(B); and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

FORFEITURE ALLEGATION

As a result of committing the wildlife trafficking offense alleged in Count One of this information, the defendant,

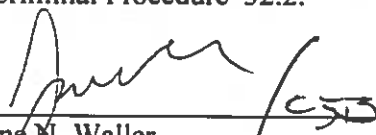
YARANN IM,

shall forfeit to the United States, pursuant to Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c) and Title 16, United States Code, Section 3374, any and all vessels, vehicles, and other equipment used to aid in the transporting, selling, receiving, acquiring, or purchasing of wildlife in violation of Title 16, United States Code, Sections 3372(a)(2)(A) and 3373(d)(1)(B), including, but not limited to all elver fishing, storage and transport equipment seized during search warrants executed at the defendant's elver storage locations at 416 Manton Ave., Providence, Rhode Island, and 42 11th St., Lowell, Massachusetts, on April 30, 2014, to wit:


- 1) Tubs, tanks, pools, and coolers used to store elvers;
- 2) Miscellaneous nets used in the course of elver fishing;
- 3) Aeration equipment;
- 4) 2 digital scales.

All in accordance with Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), Title 16, United States Code, Section 3374, and Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 32.2.

Date:



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