

No eels netted

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FINCH— No American eels turned up when South Nation Conservation surveyed the river for the snake-like, aquatic species this fall. SNC technicians sampled six, 4.2-km sections of the South Nation in partnership with a handful of other agencies. Only one lone eel was independently observed near the outlet of Hess Creek downstream from Cass Bridge Conservation Area and reported to officials this year. Once abundant enough to be a Great Lakes commercial fishery, the brown-to-tan-coloured eels have declined 99 per cent since the 1970s. The SNC eel survey is expected to look at a final river segment next year.