



# Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

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### **East Coast Climate Change Scenario Planning Workshop – Apply by April 18**

East Coast fishery management bodies are currently engaging in a [Climate Change Scenario Planning](#) initiative to explore governance and management issues related to climate change and fishery stock distributions. The next phase of this work will be a 2.5 day Scenario Creation workshop, to be held in the Washington D.C. metro area on June 21-23, 2022. If you are interested in applying, please read the information below and complete an [application](#) by April 18, 2022.

#### **Workshop Overview**

Through a series of conversations and exercises, participants will create a set of scenarios that describe how climate change *might* affect East Coast fisheries in the next 20 years. Each scenario will describe a different way in which changing oceanographic, biological, and social/economic conditions could combine to create future challenges and opportunities for East Coast fisheries.

#### **Workshop Participants**

About 75 applicants will be invited to attend the workshop. Workshop participants will include a mix of commercial and recreational fishery participants, commercial and recreational support services, environmental non-governmental organizations (NGOs), scientists, fishery managers, other ocean users, and interested parties. All travel and accommodation costs (pursuant to approved travel guidelines) will be covered for invited participants. Attendees must be available to attend in-person in the D.C. area June 21-23, 2022.

For those who are not selected or unable to attend in person, there will be an opportunity to listen to portions of the workshop proceedings (excluding breakout group sessions) via a live webinar. Additional webinars will be scheduled in July and August to allow all interested parties to add details to the scenarios.

#### **How to Apply**

Interested individuals should complete the [Scenario Creation Workshop Application](#) by **11:59 p.m. on April 18, 2022**. The scenario planning core team (the planning body for this initiative) will review applications and recommend a suitable, diverse group of participants to attend the workshop. Final selection decisions will be made by leadership from the Councils, Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, and NOAA Fisheries. Invited attendees will be notified in early May 2022.

#### **Contact**

If you have any questions, please contact a [core team](#) member.

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The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission was formed by the 15 Atlantic coastal states in 1942 for the promotion and protection of coastal fishery resources. The Commission serves as a deliberative body of the Atlantic coastal states, coordinating the conservation and management of nearshore fishery resources, including marine, shell and diadromous species.

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