

## Summary of Changes to the ASMFC Stock Assessment Schedule

Note the schedule has been extended to now include 2027 and 2028 assessments. The changes are as follows:

- Atlantic croaker's benchmark assessment will be completed in 2025
- Cobia has a benchmark assessment in 2025
- Spot's benchmark assessment will be completed in 2026
- Coastal sharks have a benchmark assessment in 2026; stocks include tiger, spinner, bull, finetooth
- Black drum has a benchmark in 2027
- Scup has assessment updates in 2025 and 2027 prior to the 2028 benchmark assessment
- Striped bass has a benchmark assessment in 2027 and sturgeon and scup have benchmark assessments in 2028
- The following species have assessment updates in 2027: American eel, black sea bass, bluefish, horseshoe crab ARM, scup, summer flounder, winter flounder
- The following species have assessment updates in 2028: Atlantic sea herring, horseshoe crab ARM, Jonah crab, and potentially Atlantic menhaden

**Long-Term Stock Assessment Schedule (July 2024 - Not Board-Approved)**

Species	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
American Eel			Benchmark					Update	
American Shad	Benchmark								
American Lobster	Benchmark					Benchmark (Q3)			
Atlantic Croaker						Benchmark (Q3)			
Atlantic Menhaden			Update			Update (Q4)			<i>Update</i>
Atl. Menhaden ERPs						Benchmark (Q4)			
Atlantic Sea Herring	Update		Update		Update (Q3)	Benchmark (Q2)	Update		Update
Atlantic Striped Bass			Update		Update (Q4)		<i>*Update</i>	Benchmark	
Atlantic Sturgeon					Update (Q3)				Benchmark
Black Drum			Benchmark					Benchmark	
Black Sea Bass		Update		Benchmark	Update (Q3)	Update (Q3)		Update	
Bluefish		Update	Benchmark	Update		Update (Q3)		Update	
Coastal Sharks	Benchmark			Benchmark			Benchmark		
Cobia							Benchmark (Q1)		
Horseshoe Crab					Update (Q2)				
Horseshoe Crab ARM		Benchmark		Update	Update (Q4)	Update (Q4)	Update	Update	Update
Jonah Crab				Benchmark					Update
Northern Shrimp		Update				Update (Q1)			
Red Drum			Benchmark		Benchmark (Q4)				
River Herring					Benchmark (Q3)				
Scup		Update		Update		Management (Q3)		Update	Benchmark
Spanish Mackerel			Update						
Spiny Dogfish			Benchmark	Update			Update		
Spot							Benchmark (Q4)		
Spotted Seatrout									
Summer Flounder		Update		Update		Update (Q3)		Update	
Tautog		Update				Update (Q4)			
Weakfish						Update (Q1)			
Winter Flounder	Update		Update		Update (Q4)		Benchmark	Update	

Number indicates quarter of presentation to the Board

- Q1 Winter
- Q2 Spring
- Q3 Summer
- Q4 Fall/Annual Meeting

	ASMFC Peer Review
	NRCC Peer Review (Research Track)
	SEDAR Peer Review (Research Track)
	Completed

*\*Italics = under consideration, not officially scheduled*

**Notes:**

- Coastal Sharks Tiger, Spinner, Bull, Finetooth assessments in 2026
- Spotted Seatrout States conduct individual assessments