



# Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

## Northern Shrimp Section Meeting Summary

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*Sustainable and Cooperative Management of Atlantic Coastal Fisheries*

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## **NORTHERN SHRIMP SECTION (JUNE 20, 2024)**

### ***Meeting Summary***

The Northern Shrimp Section approved the Public Information Document (PID) for Draft Amendment 4 for Northern Shrimp for public comment. Given the stock's continued depleted status, the draft amendment was initiated to consider extending the specifications setting timeline to allow for ongoing or multiyear harvest moratoria and adding management triggers to the management program. A management trigger, defined by a set of biological indicators, would inform when a harvest moratorium could be reevaluated to allow for a potential fishery in future years.

As the first step in the Commission's amendment process, the PID is intended to gather information concerning northern shrimp and provide an opportunity for the public to identify and comment on major issues relative to the management of the species. Following the initial phase of information gathering and public comment, the Section will evaluate potential management alternatives and develop Draft Amendment 4 for public review. After the next round of public comment, the Section will identify the management measures to be included in Amendment 4. A tentative schedule for the completion of Amendment 4 is included in the PID.

The PID will be available on the Commission's website under Public Input at <https://asmfc.org/about-us/public-input> in late June. A press release announcing the availability of the PID and state public hearing schedule will be released upon the PID's posting and finalization of the hearing schedule.

For more information, please contact Chelsea Tuohy, Fishery Management Plan Coordinator, at [ctuohy@asmfc.org](mailto:ctuohy@asmfc.org).

### ***Motions***

**Move to approve the Public Information Document for Draft Amendment 4 to the Northern Shrimp Fishery Management Plan for public comment as amended today.**

Motion made by Cheri Patterson seconded by Dr. Mike Armstrong. Motion approved by unanimous consent.