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American Lobster Benchmark Stock Assessment Review Workshop Scheduled for September 2 – 5, 2025, in Woods Hole, MA

Arlington, VA – The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission’s American Lobster Benchmark Stock Assessment Review Workshop is scheduled for September 2 - 5, 2025 at the Marine Biological Laboratory in the Swope Building on North Street, Woods Hole, MA.

The assessment will evaluate the status of American lobster stocks along the US Atlantic coast and inform the management of this species. The peer review is open to the public, except for discussion of confidential commercial landings data* and the Peer Review Panel’s final deliberations, when the public and all other workshop participants will be asked to exit the workshop.



Please note the draft assessment report and the peer review report will not be made publicly available until mid-October as part of the American Lobster Management Board’s Annual Meeting materials.

The peer review agenda can be found at <https://asmfc.org/events/american-lobster-benchmark-stock-assessment-review-workshop/>.

For more information about the assessment or attending the peer review, please contact Caitlin Starks, Senior Fishery Management Plan Coordinator, at cstarks@asmfc.org.

* Each state and federal agency is responsible for maintaining the confidentiality of its data and deciding who has access to its confidential data. In the case of our stock assessments and peer reviews, all analysts and, if necessary, reviewers, have been granted permission by the appropriate agency to use and view confidential data. When the assessment team needs to show and discuss these data, observers to our stock assessment process are asked to leave the room to preserve confidentiality.

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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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