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Atlantic Striped Bass Benchmark Stock Assessment Data Workshop Scheduled for October 6-9, 2025, in Arlington, VA

Data Submission Deadline: September 30

Arlington, VA – The Atlantic Striped Bass Stock Assessment Data Workshop will be conducted October 6-9, 2025 at the Hyatt Centric Arlington, 1325 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA. The Data Workshop is the first in a series of workshops to develop the next Atlantic striped bass benchmark stock assessment. The assessment will evaluate the condition of the Atlantic striped bass stock from Maine to North Carolina and inform the management of that stock. The workshop will review all available data sources for Atlantic striped bass and identify data sets that will be incorporated in the stock assessment. The Workshop is open to the public, with the exception of discussions of confidential data*.

The Commission welcomes the submission of data sources that will contribute to the goals of the assessment. This includes, but is not limited to, data on landings and discards, catch per unit effort, biological samples (length or age frequency), and life history information (growth, maturity, fecundity, natural mortality). For data sets to be considered at the workshop, data must be sent in with accompanying methods description by **September 30, 2025**. All available data will be reviewed and vetted by members of the Atlantic Striped Bass Technical Committee and Stock Assessment Subcommittee for possible use in the assessment.

It is anticipated there will be two stock assessment workshops – one in Winter 2026 and another in Summer 2026. The benchmark stock assessment will be peer-reviewed in Spring 2027. The details of the assessment workshops and peer review will be released as they become available. For more information on submitting data, including the appropriate format, please contact Katie Drew, Stock Assessment Team Leader (kdrew@asmfc.org). For information on attending the Data Workshop (space is limited), please contact Emilie Franke, Fishery Management Plan Coordinator, at efranke@asmfc.org or 703.842.0740.

* 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.