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### **ASMFC Northern Shrimp Section Modifies Landing Days for Trawl Fishery *Landing Days Set for Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Effective February 11***

Arlington, VA –The Commission’s Northern Shrimp Section has increased the number of allowed landing days for the 2013 northern shrimp trawl fishery. Effective February 11, 2013, the trawl fishery will be able to land shrimp on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. The Section’s action is based on observed low landings since the start of the northern shrimp trawl season on January 22<sup>nd</sup> and the desire to provide trawl fishermen with greater flexibility and safer access to the resource. Landing days for the trap fishery, which began on February 5<sup>th</sup>, remain unchanged with trappers landing on every day but Sunday.

The Section maintained the requirement to have each fishery close when 85% of its total allowable catch (TAC) is projected to be reached (trawl fishery TAC is 539.02 mt and the trap fishery TAC is 80.54 mt) and a 4-day advance notice will be issued prior to the closure of each fishery.

For more information, please contact Mike Waine, Fishery Management Plan Coordinator, at [mwaine@asmfc.org](mailto:mwaine@asmfc.org) or 703.842.0740.

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#### **Motions**

**Move to have Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday as landing days for the trawl fishery effective February 11.**

Motion made by Mr. Train and seconded by Mr. Abbott. Motion carries.

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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 anadromous species.

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