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### **ASMFC Schedules Peer Review for American Lobster Benchmark Stock Assessment for August 10-14, 2020**

Arlington, VA – The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission’s American Lobster Benchmark Stock Assessment will be peer-reviewed on August 10-14, 2020 via webinar. The assessment will evaluate the status of American lobster stocks along the U.S. 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 webinar. Webinar space is limited to 25 participants, so please contact Tina Berger at [tberger@asmfc.org](mailto:tberger@asmfc.org) if you are interested in listening in on the webinar.

Please note the draft assessment report and the peer review report will not be made publically available until mid-October as part of the American Lobster Management Board’s meeting materials, since neither report is considered final until they are accepted by the Board for management use.

It’s anticipated that the benchmark assessment and peer review report will be considered by the American Lobster Management Board in October. A copy of the peer review agenda can be found at – [http://www.asmfc.org/files/Meetings/AmLobsterAssessmentReviewWorkshopAgenda\\_August2020\\_1.pdf](http://www.asmfc.org/files/Meetings/AmLobsterAssessmentReviewWorkshopAgenda_August2020_1.pdf).

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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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