

Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

Atlantic Croaker Assessment Workshop

*March 2-6, 2026
Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission
1050 N. Highland Street, Suite 200 A-N
Arlington, Virginia*

Draft Agenda

Please note the agenda times are approximate; the order in which items will be taken is subject to change; other items may be added as necessary. There will be opportunities for public comment at the conclusion of each day if time allows.

Monday, March 2

1:00 p.m. Welcome and Introductions (*C. Schlick*)
• Review Stock Assessment Terms of Reference

1:15 p.m. South Atlantic Analyses Review
• Stock Synthesis Base Model (*T. Mace*)
• Data-Limited Methods (*C. Schlick*)

3:00 p.m. Break

3:15 p.m. South Atlantic Analyses Review (*continued*)

4:50 p.m. Public Comment (as time allows)

5:00 p.m. Adjourn

Tuesday, March 3

9:00 a.m. Welcome Back

9:05 a.m. South Atlantic Analyses Review (*continued as needed, or working session*)

10:00 a.m. Break

10:15 a.m. Identify Remaining Tasks for South Atlantic Base Analyses (*J. Kipp*)
• Prioritize tasks that could be addressed by Thursday morning

12:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. Mid-Atlantic Analyses Review
• Stock Synthesis Base Model (*B. Lowman*)
• Data-Limited Methods (*C. Schlick*)

3:00 p.m. Break
3:15 p.m. Mid-Atlantic Analyses Review (*continued*)
4:50 p.m. Public Comment (as time allows)
5:00 p.m. Adjourn

Wednesday, March 4

9:00 a.m. Welcome Back
9:05 a.m. Mid-Atlantic Analyses Review (*continued as needed, or working session*)
10:00 a.m. Break
10:15 a.m. Identify Remaining Tasks for Mid-Atlantic Base Analyses (*J. Kipp*)

- Prioritize tasks that could be addressed by Thursday morning

12:00 p.m. Lunch
1:00 p.m. Review TLA Results (*H. Rickabaugh*)

- Current structure, new assessment stock structure and model indices

1:30 p.m. Discuss Comparison of TLA and Assessment Analyses (*C. Schlick*)

- Compare structure and results and discuss similarities and differences, potential explanations for differences
- Recommend preferred approach for management advice
- Discuss potential future of TLA including any recommended changes (e.g., regional boundaries)

3:00 p.m. Break
3:15 p.m. Discuss Comparison of TLA and Assessment Analyses (*continued*)
4:00 p.m. Reference Point/Management Benchmark History and Options (*J. Kipp*)
4:50 p.m. Public Comment (as time allows)
5:00 p.m. Adjourn

Thursday, March 5

9:00 a.m. Welcome Back
9:05 a.m. Review Model Requests

- South Atlantic
- Mid-Atlantic

10:00 a.m. Break
10:15 a.m. Discuss Reference Points for Current Assessment (*C. Schlick*)

- Recommend reference points

12:00 p.m. *Lunch*

1:00 p.m. Develop Remaining Task List for Model Analyses (e.g., retrospective analysis, sensitivity priority list, other analyses/diagnostics to be completed; *J. Kipp*)

2:00 p.m. Review Environmental Analyses and Information (*J. Kipp*)

3:00 p.m. *Break*

3:15 p.m. New Environmental Subgroup Analyses (*S. Nehemiah*)

4:50 p.m. Public Comment (as time allows)

5:00 p.m. Adjourn

Friday, March 6

9:00 a.m. Welcome Back

9:05 a.m. Review Preliminary Stock Status

- South Atlantic
- Mid-Atlantic

9:35 a.m. Research Recommendations and Future Assessment Timing (*J. Kipp*)

10:30 a.m. *Break*

10:45 a.m. Report Outline and Writing Tasks (*T. Bauer*)

11:30 a.m. Remaining Timelines, Deadlines, and Meetings (*T. Bauer*)

12:00 p.m. Adjourn