

# 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