

**Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission
2026 QA/QC Fish Ageing Workshop**

April 8-9, 2026

100 8th Ave SE, St Petersburg, FL 33701

DRAFT AGENDA

Wednesday, April 8

- Welcome and introductions 9:00 a.m.
- Conduct age readings for 2026 species 9:30 a.m.
 - Atlantic menhaden (paired scale and otolith samples)
 - Cobia (otoliths)
 - Spot (whole and sectioned otoliths)
 - Striped bass (paired scale and otolith samples)
 - Tautog (paired opercula, otolith, and fin spine samples)
 - Winter flounder (paired whole and sectioned otoliths)
- Adjourn for day 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 9

- Review comparison of ages by groups 9:00 a.m.
- Discussion of issues and differences encountered 10:00 a.m.
- Make recommendations 11:00 a.m.
- Other Business 11:30 a.m.
- Adjourn 12:00 p.m.

*Workshop Location: FWC Fish and Wildlife Research Institute
100 8th Ave SE, St. Petersburg, Florida, 33701*

Group Assignments

Group 1

Scott Elzey (MA)

Jamie Darrow (NJ)

Melanie Chattin (VIMS)

Kristin Cook (FL)

Group 2

Dave Ellis (CT)

Katherine Messer (MD)

Joe Evans (SC)

Brittany Barbara (FL)

Group 3

Nicole Lengyel Costa (RI)

Hank Liao (VMRC)

Donna McDowell (GA)

Kiley Gray (FL)

Group 4

Zach Schuller (NY)

Alexandria Hoffman (DE)

Jess Carroll (FL)