



Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

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Sustainable and Cooperative Management of Atlantic Coastal Fisheries

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ASMFC and NOAA Seek Contractor to Facilitate the 2027 National Saltwater Recreational Fisheries Summit *Proposals Due May 1, 2026*

Arlington, VA – The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (Commission) and NOAA Fisheries are issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the planning, facilitation, and execution of the 2027 National Saltwater Recreational Fisheries Summit. The Summit will be held during the weeks of March 15-19 or March 22-25, 2027 in Alexandria, VA.

The Commission and NOAA Fisheries are committed to sustainable and collaborative management of fisheries resources and have jointly hosted four previous National Saltwater Recreational Fisheries Summits, starting in 2010. Those Summits identified and described commonly held priorities of the saltwater recreational fishing community through guided and interactive discussions. In addition to strengthening dialogue and relationships, Summit findings and outputs subsequently helped to inform Commission and NOAA Fisheries actions and public engagement work.

Proposals must be submitted as an electronic proposal by email no later than **11:59 PM on May 1, 2026**, to [Alex DiJohnson](mailto:Alex.DiJohnson@asmfc.org). Please see the RFP for more details, qualifying requirements, and submission instructions. The RFP is available at <https://asmfc.org/resources/2027-national-saltwater-recreational-fisheries-summit-request-for-proposals/>.

For more information, please contact Alex DiJohnson at alex.dijohnson@accsp.org.

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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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