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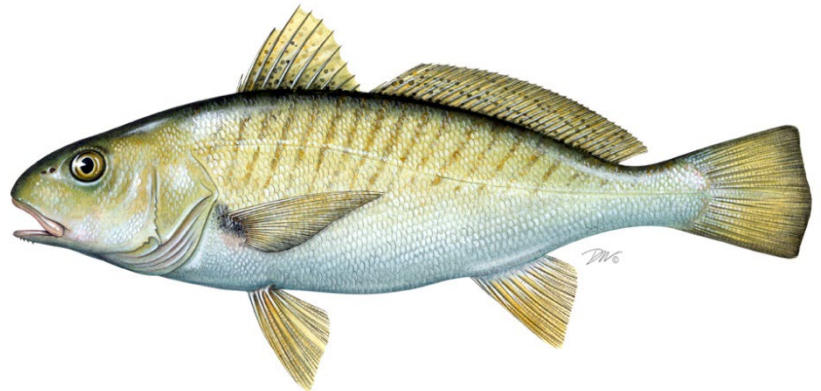
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Atlantic Croaker Benchmark Stock Assessment Peer Review Scheduled for July 27-31, 2026 in Arlington, VA

Arlington, VA – The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission will hold the Atlantic Croaker Benchmark Stock Assessment Peer Review on July 27-31, 2026 at the Commission’s office, 1050 N. Highland Street, Suite 200 A-N, Arlington, VA.

At the workshop, an independent panel of experts in fisheries science will assess the value and appropriateness of the stock assessment for use in management and provide recommendations for future research and assessment improvements. In its evaluation, the Peer Review Panel will address a terms of reference, which is a list of questions about the quality of the data, the appropriateness of the modeling techniques and assumptions made, conclusions on stock status, as well as how well the assessment addresses other factors such as environmental changes.



The Peer Review Workshop is open to the public, except for select closed sessions for Review Panel deliberations when the public and all other workshop participants may be asked to leave the room. The following webinar link can be used to listen to the proceedings of the Peer Review – <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1517415562871960920> (Webinar ID: 406-358-547).

An agenda will be posted in the coming weeks at <https://asmfc.org/events/atlantic-croaker-benchmark-stock-assessment-peer-review-07-26/>. For more information about peer review, please contact Tracey Bauer, Fishery Management Plan Coordinator, at tbauer@asmfc.org or 703.842.0740.

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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.