ASMFC Schedules Atlantic Menhaden Stock Assessment Data Workshop for January 13-16, 2014 in St. Petersburg, FL

Arlington, VA – The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission’s Atlantic Menhaden Stock Assessment Data Workshop will be conducted on January 13-16, 2014 at the Florida Marine Research Institute (Conference Rooms 3A & 3B), 100 8th Ave SE, St. Petersburg, Florida. The workshop will review all available data sources for Atlantic menhaden and identify data sets that will be incorporated in the stock assessment. The workshop will be open to the public, with the exception of discussions of confidential data, when the public will be asked to leave the room.

The deadline for the submission of data sources for consideration in the Atlantic menhaden benchmark stock assessment is December 1, 2013. Data sources include, but are not limited to, data on commercial landings and discards, catch per unit effort, biological samples (length or age frequency), and life history information (growth, maturity, fecundity, spawning stock biomass weights, natural mortality). For data sets to be considered, the data must be sent in the required format, with accompanying description of methods, to the Commission by December 1, 2013. For more information on submitting data, including the appropriate format, and/or attending the Atlantic menhaden data workshop (space is limited), please contact Dr. Genny Nesslage, ASMFC Stock Assessment Scientist.

The Stock Assessment Workshop will be conducted in the summer (date and location to be determined), with the peer review scheduled for December 2014 through the SouthEast Data, Assessment and Review process. For more information, please contact Michael Waine, Fishery Management Plan Coordinator, at mwaine@asmfc.org or 703.842.0740.

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