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ASMFC Shifts Date of American Lobster Stock Assessment Workshop from May to September

Arlington, VA – The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's American Lobster Stock Assessment Workshop will be conducted September 23-25, 2014 at the National Marine Fisheries Service's Northeast Fisheries Science Center, Clark Conference Room (Aquarium), 166 Water Street Woods Hole, Massachusetts. The Assessment Workshop, originally scheduled for May 6-8, 2014 was moved to September to allow additional time to finalize the datasets for input into the assessment model. The assessment will evaluate the health of American lobster and inform the



management of this species. The Commission's stock assessment process and meetings are open to the public, with the exception of discussions of confidential data, when the public will be asked to leave the room.

The benchmark stock assessment will be peer reviewed through the Commission's external peer review process in early 2015. For more information on attending the Assessment Workshop, please contact Kate Taylor, Fishery Management Plan Coordinator, at <u>ktaylor@asmfc.org</u> 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 anadromous species.