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ASMFC Schedules Second Atlantic Menhaden Stock Assessment Workshop for August 12-15, 2014 in Beaufort, NC

Arlington, VA – The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission’s second Atlantic Menhaden Stock Assessment Workshop will be conducted August 12 - 15, 2014 at the National Marine Fisheries Service’s Southeast Fisheries Science Center, General Auditorium, 101 Pivers Island Road, Beaufort, North Carolina. The assessment will evaluate the health of Atlantic menhaden 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 Commission welcomes the submission of alternative analyses and models for consideration in the Atlantic menhaden benchmark stock assessment. For alternative analyses and models to be considered, they must be sent in the required format, with accompanying description of methods, to the Commission by **July 14, 2014**. For more information on requirements for submission and presentation of materials at the Assessment Workshop, please contact [Dr. Genny Nessler](mailto:gnesslage@asmfc.org) (gnesslage@asmfc.org), ASMFC Stock Assessment Scientist.

The benchmark stock assessment will be peer reviewed through the Southeast Data, Assessment and Review process in December 2014 in Atlantic Beach, North Carolina. For more information or details on attending the workshop, please contact [Michael Waine](mailto:mwaine@asmfc.org), Fishery Management Plan Coordinator, at mwaine@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 anadromous species.

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