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Scup Data and Stock Assessment Workshop Scheduled for April 20-24, 2015 in Woods Hole, MA

Arlington, VA – The Scup Northeast Regional Data and Stock Assessment Workshop will be conducted April 20-24, 2015 at the Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC) in Woods Hole, Massachusetts. The assessment will evaluate the health of the scup population and inform the management of this species. The Workshop is open to the public, with the exception of discussions of confidential data, when the public will be asked to leave the room.

For data sets, alternative analyses, and models to be considered at the workshops, the data must be sent in with accompanying methods description to Mark Terceiro (mark.terceiro@noaa.gov) by March 20, 2015. For more information on requirements for submission and presentation of materials at the Data and Assessment Workshop, please contact Mark Terceiro (mark.terceiro@noaa.gov), NOAA Research Fisheries Biologist. All available data and analyses will be reviewed and vetted by members of the Scup Working Group for possible use in the assessment.

The benchmark stock assessment will be peer reviewed by the Northeast Regional Stock Assessment Review Committee (SARC) in June 2015 in Woods Hole, Massachusetts. For more information or details on attending the workshop, please visit http://www.nefsc.noaa.gov/nefsc/saw/ or contact Kirby Rootes-Murdy, Fishery Management Plan Coordinator, at krootes-murdy@asmfc.org or 703.842.0740.

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