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## ASMFC Schedules Weakfish Stock Assessment Workshop for July 27 – 30, 2015 in Arlington, VA

Arlington, VA – The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission’s Weakfish Stock Assessment Workshop will be conducted July 27 – 30, 2015 at the Commission’s offices at 1050 N. Highland Street, Suite 200A-N, Arlington, VA. The assessment will evaluate the health of the weakfish stock 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.



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The Commission welcomes the submission of alternative analyses and models for consideration in the weakfish benchmark stock assessment. To be considered, alternative analyses and models must be sent in the required format, with accompanying description of methods, to the Commission by **June 29, 2015**. For more information on requirements for submission and presentation of materials at the Assessment Workshop, please contact Dr. Katie Drew ([kdrew@asmfc.org](mailto:kdrew@asmfc.org)), Senior Stock Assessment Scientist. Space will be limited at the Workshop. Please contact Megan Ware ([mware@asmfc.org](mailto:mware@asmfc.org)), Weakfish Fishery Management Plan Coordinator, if you are interested in attending.

The benchmark stock assessment will be peer reviewed through the Commission’s external review process in November 2015; details of the Review Workshop will be announced in September. For more information, please contact Megan Ware at [mware@asmfc.org](mailto:mware@asmfc.org) or 703.842.0740.

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