

Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

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Red Drum Simulation Model Workshop Scheduled for October 4-7, 2021

Arlington, VA – The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (Commission) will hold a Red Drum Simulation Model Workshop as part of the ongoing simulation assessment. The simulation assessment was recommended by the Commission's Assessment Science Committee as part of a roadmap for red drum stock assessments, which have experienced data limitations and uncertainty in the past.

The simulation assessment workshop will evaluate the performance of a range of stock assessment approaches for red drum and recommend preferred

approaches for use in subsequent assessments, including the next benchmark assessment scheduled for completion in



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2024. The Commission's stock assessment process and meetings are open to the public.

The draft agenda for the workshop is available at

<u>http://www.asmfc.org/files/Meetings/RedDrumSimulationModelWorkshop_Oct2021.pdf</u>. For more information about the assessment or attending the upcoming virtual workshop (space will be limited), please contact Savannah Lewis, Fishery Management Plan Coordinator, at <u>slewis@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 diadromous species.