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ASMFC Begins Preparations for Jonah Crab Benchmark Stock Assessment

Arlington, VA – In advance of a Data Workshop for the first coastwide stock assessment of Jonah crab, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission is requesting data from academia, member states, federal partners, non-governmental organizations, participating jurisdictions and stakeholders. The Data Workshop will be conducted in June and is open to the public. The workshop location, dates, and agenda will be provided on the Commission's website in advance of the workshop.



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The Commission welcomes the submission of data sources that will improve the accuracy of a stock assessment. This includes, but is not limited to, data on catch per unit effort, tag-recapture data, biological samples (individual length and weight), and life history information (growth, maturity, natural mortality). For data sets to be considered, the data must be sent in the required format with accompanying description of methods to Jeff Kipp, Senior Stock Assessment Scientist, at jkipp@asmfc.org by **April 29, 2022**.

For more information about the workshop including presentation of materials, please contact Caitlin Starks, Fishery Management Plan Coordinator, at cstarks@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 diadromous species.

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