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Jonah Crab Benchmark Stock Assessment Workshop Scheduled for April 18-20 in New Bedford, MA

Arlington, VA – The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission will hold an in-person Jonah Crab Benchmark Stock Assessment Workshop at the UMass Dartmouth’s School for Marine Science & Technology, 706 South Rodney French Blvd., New Bedford, MA. The stock assessment, which will be the species’ first range-wide assessment, will evaluate the health of the Jonah crab population and inform its management. 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 agenda for the workshop is available at https://asmfc.org/files/Meetings/2023/JonahCrabStockAssessmentWorkshopAgenda_April2023.pdf. For more information about the assessment or attending the upcoming workshop (space will be limited), please contact Caitlin Starks, Fishery Management Plan Coordinator, at cstarks@asmfc.org or 703.842.0740.

* Each state and federal agency is responsible for maintaining the confidentiality of its data and deciding who has access to its confidential data. In the case of our stock assessments and peer reviews, all analysts and, if necessary, reviewers, have been granted permission by the appropriate agency to use and view confidential data. When the assessment team needs to show and discuss these data, observers to our stock assessment process are asked to leave the room to preserve confidentiality.

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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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