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ASMFC Northern Shrimp Advisory Panel & Section to Meet to Review 2022 Traffic Light Analysis & Discuss the Future of Northern Shrimp Management

Arlington, VA - The Commission's Northern Shrimp Advisory Panel (AP) and Section (Section) will meet on November 30 and December 1, 2023, respectively, at the Westin Portland Harborview, Portland, Maine. The AP will meet November 30 (1 – 4 p.m.) to review the 2022 traffic light analysis for northern shrimp, the ongoing fishery moratorium set to expire in 2024, Management Strategy Evaluation Work Group discussions, and the Technical Committee's wake-up index proposal for the Section's consideration. The wake-up index was developed to serve as a trigger to indicate when the northern shrimp stock approaches a healthy population level that may be able to support a viable fishery. Under the wake-up index, the fishery would remain in a permanent moratorium until the index is triggered.

The Section will meet December 1 (9 a.m. – Noon) to review the 2022 traffic light analysis and consider initiating action to implement the wake-up index. Meeting materials will be available at http://www.asmfc.org/home/meeting-archive by **November 17**th.

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