



# **Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission**

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Northern Shrimp Section Releases for Public Comment the PID to Draft Amendment 4 to the Interstate FMP for Northern Shrimp**

Arlington, VA – The Commission’s Northern Shrimp Section has released for public comment the Public Information Document (PID) to Amendment 4 to the Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Northern Shrimp. The states of Maine through Massachusetts will be conducting hearings on the PID; the details of those hearings will be released in a subsequent press release.

Given the stock’s continued depleted status, the Section initiated the draft amendment to consider extending the specifications setting timeline to allow for ongoing or multiyear harvest moratoria and adding management triggers to the management program. A management trigger could inform when an ongoing or multiyear moratoria should be re-evaluated if improved stock conditions are evident, indicated through recruitment trends or other specified biological indicators.

As the first step in the Commission’s amendment process, the PID is intended to gather information concerning northern shrimp and provide an opportunity for the public to identify and comment on major issues relative to the management of the species. Following the initial phase of information gathering and public comment, the Section will evaluate potential management alternatives and develop Draft Amendment 4 for public review. After the next round of public comment, the Section will identify the management measures to be included in Amendment 4. A tentative schedule for the completion of Amendment 4 is included in the PID.

#### **Submitting Comments**

The PID is available at

[https://www.asmfc.org/uploads/file/667dd835NShrimpAm4PID\\_PublicComment\\_June2024.pdf](https://www.asmfc.org/uploads/file/667dd835NShrimpAm4PID_PublicComment_June2024.pdf) or on the Commission’s Public Input webpage at <https://asmfc.org/about-us/public-input>. All those interested in the management of northern shrimp are encouraged to provide input either by participating in public hearings, which may be conducted in-person or via webinar, or providing written comment. Public comment will be accepted until **11:59 PM (EST) on August 16, 2024** and should be sent to Chelsea Tuohy, FMP Coordinator, at 1050 N. Highland St., Suite 200 A-N, Arlington, Virginia 22201; or at [comments@asmfc.org](mailto:comments@asmfc.org) (Subject line: Northern Shrimp PID). For more information, please contact Chelsea Tuohy at [ctuohy@asmfc.org](mailto:ctuohy@asmfc.org).

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