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*Working towards healthy, self-sustaining populations of all Atlantic coast fish species, or successful restoration  
well in progress by the year 2015*

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### **Understanding the Science Behind Northern Shrimp Management *ASMFC Northern Shrimp Technical Committee to Conduct Science Workshop on October 17***

Arlington, VA – With the goal to improve the public’s understanding of the science behind the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission’s management of northern shrimp, the ASMFC Northern Shrimp Technical Committee will be conducting a Northern Shrimp Science Workshop on October 17 from 10 AM to 3 PM in Portland, Maine. The Workshop will include a general overview of northern shrimp life history, the Commission’s stock assessment process (including an exploration of both the data and models used), the specification setting process, and plans for the upcoming benchmark stock assessment scheduled for 2013.

The Workshop will be held at Gulf of Maine Research Institute, TD Bank Boardroom, 350 Commercial Street, Portland, Maine. All interested parties are welcome to attend. A draft agenda is available on the Commission website at [www.asmfc.org](http://www.asmfc.org) under *Meetings*. For more information, please contact Mike Waine, Fishery Management Plan Coordinator, at [mwaine@asmfc.org](mailto:mwaine@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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