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ASMFC Schedules Red Drum Stock Assessment Workshop for March 17-20, 2015 in Raleigh, NC

Arlington, VA – The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission’s Red Drum Stock Assessment Workshop will be conducted March 17-20, 2015 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Brownstone-University, 1707 Hillsborough Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. The assessment will evaluate the health of red drum and inform the management of this species. 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 Commission welcomes the submission of alternative analyses and models for consideration in the red drum benchmark stock assessment. For alternative analyses and models to be considered, they must be sent in the required format, with accompanying description of methods, to the Commission by **March 10, 2015**. For more information on requirements for submission and presentation of materials at the Assessment Workshop, please contact Jeff Kipp (jkipp@asmfc.org), ASMFC Stock Assessment Scientist.

The benchmark stock assessment will be peer reviewed through the Southeast Data, Assessment and Review process in August 2015 in Charleston, South Carolina. For more information or details on attending the workshop, please contact Kirby Rootes-Murdy, Fishery Management Plan Coordinator, at krootes-murdy@asmfc.org or 703.842.0740.



Biologist tagging an adult red drum as part of the Drum Longline Survey. Photo © SCDNR

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