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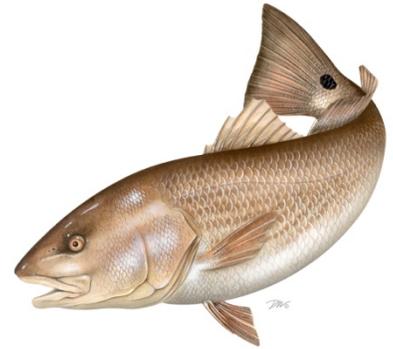
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### **ASMFC Releases Red Drum Draft Addendum I for Public Comment** *Addendum Proposes Updates to FMP's Habitat Section*

Arlington, VA – The Commission's South Atlantic State/Federal Fisheries Management Board has approved for public comment Draft Addendum I to Amendment 2 to the Interstate Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for Red Drum. The Draft Addendum proposes revisions to the habitat section of Amendment 2 (2002) to include the most current state of information on red drum spawning habitat and habitat by life stage (egg, larval, juvenile, sub-adult, and adult). It also identifies and describes the distribution of key habitats and habitats of concern, including potential threats and habitat bottlenecks (habitat or habitat characteristics that limit the sustainability or recovery of red drum), as well as ecosystem considerations.



The Draft Addendum is available on the Commission's website ([www.asmfc.org](http://www.asmfc.org)) under *Breaking News* or at

[http://www.asmfc.org/speciesDocuments/southAtlanticSpecies/redDrum/DraftRedDrumHabitatAddendum\\_PublicComment.pdf](http://www.asmfc.org/speciesDocuments/southAtlanticSpecies/redDrum/DraftRedDrumHabitatAddendum_PublicComment.pdf). Fishermen and other interested groups are encouraged to provide written comment on Draft Addendum I. Public comment will be accepted until 5:00 PM (EST) on June 30, 2013 and should be forwarded to Kirby Rootes-Murdy Fishery Management Plan Coordinator, 1050 N. Highland St., Suite 200 A-N, Arlington, VA 22201; 703.842.0741(fax) or via email at [krootes-murdy@asmfc.org](mailto:krootes-murdy@asmfc.org) (Subject line: Red Drum Habitat Addendum).

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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 anadromous species.

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