



# Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

## Northern Shrimp Section Meeting Summary

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## **NORTHERN SHRIMP SECTION (SEPTEMBER 13, 2024)**

### ***Meeting Summary***

The Northern Shrimp Section (Section) met in Portland, Maine to review the public comment summary and Advisory Panel (AP) input on the Public Information Document (PID) for Draft Amendment 4, provide direction to the Northern Shrimp Plan Development Team (PDT) on the development of Draft Amendment 4, and review AP and Technical Committee (TC) discussions regarding an industry-based research program.

The Section reviewed the summary of submitted public comments on the Amendment 4 PID and identified options for the PDT to further develop to add to the Draft Amendment. These options include a multi-year specifications setting timeline and a management trigger, which includes information on recruitment, environmental variables, and a process for adding future data streams into the trigger that are not currently available (e.g., industry collected data). The Section will consider the Draft Amendment for public comment at its next meeting this winter.

The Section also reviewed a summary of discussions between the AP and TC regarding an industry-based research program. Earlier this year, the TC developed two options for an industry-based research program, a summer survey and a winter sampling program. The summer survey would act as a replacement for the Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC) summer survey, which has been indefinitely postponed, and the winter sampling program would run similar to previous northern shrimp research set-aside (RSA) programs. While the AP indicated a preference to run both programs, if they had to choose one, it would be the summer survey. However, recognizing the costs associated with running an industry-based summer survey, the AP indicated it would also support a winter sampling program. After reviewing TC and industry feedback, the Section tasked the TC to develop an RSA quota and a pilot winter sampling program to be implemented in 2025 for the Section's consideration at its next meeting this winter. A northern shrimp stock assessment update is scheduled to be completed later this year, and the TC will use projections from the update to inform RSA quota options for Section consideration. As a second priority task, the Section tasked the TC to further explore options for an industry-based summer survey.

Finally, the Section nominated Robert Glenn from Massachusetts as the Vice Chair of the Northern Shrimp Section. For more information, please contact Chelsea Tuohy, Fishery Management Plan Coordinator, at [ctuohy@asmfc.org](mailto:ctuohy@asmfc.org).

### ***Motions***

**Move to table discussion on additional direction for Draft Amendment 4 until after the discussion of an industry-based research program.**

Motion made by Mr. Kane and seconded by Ms. Patterson. Motion carries without objection.

**Move to nominate Robert Glenn as Vice Chair of the Northern Shrimp Section.**

Motion made by Ms. Ware and seconded by Mr. Kane. Motion passes without objection.