



# ***Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission***

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### **ASMFC Schedules State Data Review Workshop for Bluefish for November 3-4, 2021**

Arlington, VA – In advance of the upcoming bluefish research track stock assessment\* to be conducted by the Northeast Fisheries Science Center’s Bluefish Working Group, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission will be holding a State Data Review Workshop on November 3-4, 2021. At this workshop, the Bluefish Technical Committee (TC) will review state data sets that could support the assessment, including fishery-independent surveys, fishery-dependent sampling programs, and life history studies. The TC will develop a report summarizing the available data sets and make recommendations for the Bluefish Working Group.

As part of this data review, the Commission welcomes submission of data sources from stakeholders and the public. Data sources include, but are not limited to, data on recreational and commercial landings and discards, catch per unit effort, biological samples (age, length, and/or sex), and life history information (growth, maturity, fecundity, spawning stock biomass weights, natural mortality). The Commission is also interested in socioeconomic data or analyses, especially those related to recreational bluefish demand. For data sets to be considered at the workshop, data must be sent in with accompanying methods description to Dr. Katie Drew [kdrew@asmfc.org](mailto:kdrew@asmfc.org) by **October 25, 2021**.

The Workshop will be held via webinar and is open to the public. To register for the webinar, visit <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1647966037747393550>. For more information on submitting data, including the appropriate format, and/or attending the upcoming virtual Workshop, please contact Dustin Colson Leaning, Fishery Management Plan Coordinator, at [dleaning@asmfc.org](mailto:dleaning@asmfc.org) or 703.842.0740. For more information on the Bluefish Working Group or the research track assessment process, please contact Michele Traver, NOAA Fisheries Federal Assessment Process Lead, at [michele.traver@noaa.gov](mailto:michele.traver@noaa.gov).

\* Research track assessments are designed to be carried out over several years and can focus on research topics or on one or more individual stocks; evaluate an issue or new model that could apply to many stocks; and/or consider extensive changes in data, model, or stock structure. Research track assessments may provide the basis for future management track assessments.

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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.