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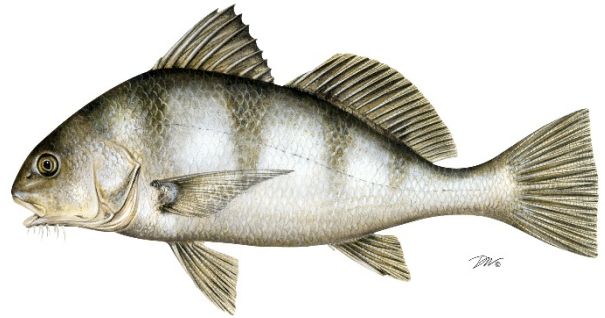
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ASMFC to Convene Black Drum Benchmark Stock Assessment Data Workshop

Arlington, VA – The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission will convene a Data Workshop as part of the development of a benchmark stock assessment for black drum that will be used to inform management. At the Workshop, the Black Drum Technical Committee and Stock Assessment Committee will conduct a thorough review of all available data.



The Workshop will be conducted virtually by webinar December 7-9, and is open to the public, except for discussions regarding confidential data*, when the public will be asked to exit the webinar. The link to the webinar follows: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/307963085>. The draft agenda for the Workshop can be found at http://www.asmfc.org/files/Meetings/BlackDumBenchmarkAssmtDataWorkshopAgenda_Dec2021.pdf.

The Methods Workshop will be held in February 2022 and the Assessment Workshop will be held in July 2022, with the Peer Review to follow in December 2022. For more information about the Data Workshop, please contact Savannah Lewis, Fishery Management Plan Coordinator, at slewis@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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