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Reminder: Striped Bass Management Informational Webinar Tonight

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) is hosting an informational webinar at **6:00 PM tonight** (<u>Thursday</u>, <u>December 5</u>) to present a <u>technical report</u> about the striped bass population's rebuilding projections and possible coastwide management options to assist in stock recovery, if warranted. The intent of the webinar is to provide the public with sufficient background to inform the submission of written public comments in advance of an interstate Striped Bass Management Board meeting later this month. Please note that public comment will not be taken during the webinar tonight—only questions. The management options under consideration include commercial fishery quota reductions and recreational fishery season and size limit changes.

How To Attend the Webinar

Please register for the <u>Informational Webinar</u>. You will then receive an email with a link to join the webinar. If you are joining the webinar but will not be using voice over internet protocol, you may also call in at +1 (562) 247-8422, access code 195-793-780. A PIN will be provided to you after joining the webinar. For those who will not be joining the webinar but would like to listen in to the audio portion only, press the # key when asked for a PIN.

How to Submit Public Comment

In order for comments to be compiled and provided to the Striped Bass Management Board in a timely manner before its meeting, written comments must be submitted via email to <u>comments@asmfc.org</u> by 11:59 p.m. on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>December 10</u>. Comments received after this date will not be included in the Board's briefing materials.

Massachusetts stakeholders are encouraged to also send their written comments directly to the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries at <u>marine.fish@mass.gov</u> so that we may begin to review them as soon as possible.

Management Board Meeting

The Striped Bass Management Board will meet on <u>Monday, December 16</u> to review the technical report and written public comments and decide whether to take any management action in response. Details on the Board's meeting, which the public can attend in person or remotely, are available on the ASMFC <u>calendar</u>.

Background

These meetings are happening in response to the 2024 Stock Assessment Update for Striped Bass, which was released in October. Please see our earlier <u>Advisory</u> for more information.