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### Marine Fisheries Advisory

### **Public Comment Sought on American Lobster Draft Addendum XXX**

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission is seeking public comment on [Draft Addendum XXX](#) to Amendment 3 to the Interstate Fishery Management Plan for American Lobster. The Draft Addendum considers how the measures of Addendum XXVII, approved in May 2023, will apply to foreign imports of American lobster. Unlike most draft addenda, Draft Addendum XXX does not present a range of management alternatives. Rather, it is an administrative document that would consider whether the Addendum XXVII minimum size increases should apply to imports of American lobster into the United States, especially in states that do not participate in the American Lobster Management Plan.

Two public hearings have been scheduled. One general hearing will be conducted on [April 9](#) via webinar, and another hearing will be conducted in a hybrid in-person/webinar format from New Hampshire on [May 6](#). *All are welcome to participate in either hearing.* Written public comment is due by [June 3](#).

Please refer to the [ASMFC press release](#) for more information on Draft Addendum XXX, how to submit written comment, and register for either of the public hearings:  
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