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Marine Fisheries Advisory

Reminder: ASMFC Public Hearing on Lobster Addendum XXXII Scheduled for April 10 at 6PM

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) is seeking public comment on [Addendum XXXII](#) to the Interstate Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for American Lobster. The Addendum considers repealing all Addendum XXVII measures pertaining to carapace size and escape vent size limits. If approved, the new addendum will supersede Addendum XXVII before its implementation date, resulting in DMF taking an action to rescind existing state regulations that increase the minimum carapace size and escape vent size for Lobster Conservation Management Area (LCMA) 1 and the Gulf of Maine Recreational Lobster Area and decrease the maximum carapace size for the Outer Cape Cod LCMA, LCMA 3, and the Outer Cape Cod Recreational Lobster Area.

A virtual public hearing intended for all stakeholders will be held Thursday, April 10 at 6:00 pm. Please refer to the schedule below for more information. To attend this public hearing, please register [here](#). The hearing will be held via GoToWebinar. You can join the webinar from your computer, tablet or smartphone. If you are new to GoToWebinar, you can download the software by ([clicking here](#)) or via the App store under GoToWebinar. We recommend you register in advance of the hearing since GoToWebinar will provide you with a link to test your device's compatibility with the webinar. If you find your device is not compatible, please contact the Commission at info@asmfc.org (subject line: GoToWebinar help). Please note that in order to comment during a virtual webinar hearing you will need to use your computer or download the GoToWebinar app for your phone. Those joining by phone only will be limited to listening to the presentation and will not be able to provide input.

Public comment will be accepted until 11:59 pm (EDT) on April 25, 2025, and should be sent to Caitlin Starks, Senior FMP Coordinator, at 1050 N. Highland St., Suite 200 A-N, Arlington, Virginia 22201; or to comments@asmfc.org (Subject line: Lobster Draft Addendum XXXII) or via the public comment form on the [American Lobster Draft Addendum XXXII Action Tracker webpage](#).

Submitting Comments

The Draft Addendum is available at <https://asmfc.org/actions/american-lobster-draft-addendum-xxxii/>.

Public Hearing Schedule

Date	Hearing Information	Contact
Thursday, April 10 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Lobster Addendum XXXII Public Hearing <i>The webinar registration link is found here</i>	<u>Caitlin Starks</u>