



# Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

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*Sustainable and Cooperative Management of Atlantic Coastal Fisheries*

June 7, 2024

Massachusetts Office of the Attorney General  
Data Privacy and Security Division  
Attn: Data Breach Notification  
One Ashburton Place  
Boston, MA 02108

Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation  
501 Boylston St.  
Suite 5100  
Boston, MA 02116

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OFFICE OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS

RE: Preliminary Notice of Data Breach

Dear Sir/Madam:

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (“ASMFC”) of 1050 N. Highland Street, Suite 200 A-N, Arlington, VA 22201 is submitting this preliminary notice of a data breach.

On April 6, 2024, ASMFC learned it was the victim of a ransomware attack that affected the organization’s electronic systems. ASMFC promptly notified the FBI, Department of Homeland Security, and the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries (MADMF). MADMF was notified on April 16, 2024.

ASMFC took immediate steps to secure its systems, restore operations, and has been investigating the nature and scope of the Incident with the assistance of a third party cyber forensics firm. Based on investigation results, it has determined the information of MA residents may have been impacted. ASMFC is working to identify those individuals and the types of personally identifiable information affected so that it can provide notice under the MA state data breach notification law and offer complimentary credit and identity theft restoration services.

ASMFC will supplement this notice with an update as it develops additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Beal".

Robert E. Beal

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