

ASMFC Public Hearing on Striped Bass Addendum 3

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) has scheduled an in-person public hearing for Connecticut on **Monday, September 15, 2025, from 6:00–8:00 PM**, to gather public input on Draft Addendum 3 to Amendment 7 of the Interstate Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for Atlantic Striped Bass. The hearing will be held at:

**CT DEEP Marine Headquarters
Boating Education Classroom (also known as the “back building”)
333 Ferry Road
Old Lyme, CT 06371**

Draft Addendum 3 is intended to increase the probability of rebuilding the striped bass stock by reducing fishery removals by 12%, with measures to be implemented in 2026. The ASMFC Striped Bass Management Board declared the Atlantic striped bass stock overfished in 2018 and subsequently initiated a rebuilding plan to restore the stock to the spawning stock biomass (SSB) target specified in the FMP by 2029. For the recreational fishery, the Draft Addendum considers season closures and/or changes to size limits.

For additional information—including proposed management options for Maryland’s Chesapeake Bay fishery, commercial quota reductions, commercial tagging requirements, methods of measuring total length, other states’ hearing dates, virtual hearing options, and instructions for submitting comments—please see the ASMFC notice at:

<https://asmfc.org/news/press-releases/states-schedule-public-hearings-on-atlantic-striped-bass-draft-addendum-iii/>

The full Draft Addendum 3 can be viewed on the ASMFC website at:

https://asmfc.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/AtlStripedBassDraftAddIII_PublicComment_Aug2025.pdf

In addition to commenting at the hearing, interested parties can submit comments on Draft Addendum 3 until 11:59 PM (EST) on October 3, 2025, via:

U.S. Mail:

Emilie Franke, FMP Coordinator
1050 N. Highland St., Suite 200 A-N
Arlington, Virginia 22201

Email:

comments@asmfc.org (Subject line: Striped Bass Draft Addendum III)

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