



**Atlantic States
Marine Fisheries Commission**

Atlantic Striped Bass Stock Assessment Data Workshop Scheduled

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Atlantic Striped Bass Stock Assessment Data Workshop was scheduled to be conducted September 26-29, 2017 at Arlington, VA.

The Data Workshop is the first in a series of workshops to develop the next striped bass benchmark stock assessment. The assessment will evaluate the condition of Atlantic striped bass stocks from Maine to North Carolina and inform management of those stocks.

The workshop will review all available data sources for Atlantic striped bass and identify data sets that will be incorporated in the stock assessment. The Workshop is open to the public, with the exception of discussions of confidential data, when the public will be asked to leave the room.

For data sets to be considered at the workshop, data must be sent in with accompanying methods



description to Dr. Katie Drew (kdrew@asmfc.org) by September 1, 2017. Data sources include, but are not limited to, data on recreational and commercial landings and discards, catch per unit effort, biological samples (age, length, and/or sex), and life history information (growth, maturity, fecundity, spawning stock biomass weights, natural mortality). All available data would be reviewed and vetted by members of the Atlantic Striped Bass Stock Assessment Subcommittee for possible use in the assessment.

It is anticipated that there will be two Stock Assessment Workshops – one in late 2017 and another in the summer of 2018. The benchmark stock assessment will be peer reviewed in the winter of 2018. The details of the assessment workshops and peer review will be released as they become available.

For more information on submitting data, including the appropriate format, and/or attending the Data Workshop (space is limited), please contact Max Appelman, Fishery Management Plan Coordinator, at mappelman@asmfc.org or 703.842.0740.



RISAA Member News

by Lynn Medeiros



The purpose of this column is to pass along information and milestones within the membership. Birthdays, anniversaries, events or get-well wishes are all in order. We also let members know of the passing of other members.

ON THE MEND

On September 2, **Peter O'Biso** suffered chest pains and was taken to South County Hospital for immediate treatment, then transferred to Mariam Hospital where he received a new stent.

Update: Last week Pete did a cardiac stress test and passed with flying colors.



CONDOLENCES

It is with deepest sympathy that we report the loss of member

Willard F. Donnell

age 66, of Warwick, RI on September 20, 2017. He was the husband of Eileen M. (Galvin) Donnell.

Will was the father of John, Bonnie and Shannon Donnell and Erin Ginaitt. He was a Vietnam Veteran serving in the Navy.

Will has been a RISAA member for the past 13 years.



Will passed out programs at the door during RISAA's 2016 fishing show.

From *Fishing Tackle Retailer*

Garmin Prevails In Patent Appeal

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit reversed a December 2015 finding by the International Trade Commission that Garmin had infringed Navico patents related to downscan sonar.

Specifically, the Federal Court ruled that two of Navico's patents were invalid and that Garmin's DownVu sonar does not infringe a third Navico patent. The Federal Circuit's decision not only reverses the ITC's original orders, but supersedes all related rulings by U.S. Customs and the ITC, including an initial determination that Garmin should be subject to a \$37 million fine for selling DownVu products. Garmin is now free to import and sell any and all sonar products.

A copy of the Federal Circuit order can be found online at www.cafc.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/opinions-orders/16-1572.Opinion.6-8-2017.1.PDF

