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Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D. Executive Director Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council 800 North State Street, Suite 201 Dover, DE 19901

Dear Chris,

Thank you for your letter requesting that we expand the capabilities of our Fish Online (FOL) web portal to track golden tilefish individual fishing quota (IFQ) allocations and allocation transfers. Expanding the FOL portal has the potential to improve quota and program management, and my staff has also identified other FOL portal functions that would likely significantly improve the speed and functionality of IFQ allocation transfers.

We will include your request along with other FOL portal enhancements that are already under consideration and will look to address them as our resources allow. As always, we are committed to working collaboratively with the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council and other relevant stakeholders to improve our online platforms to better support science and management initiatives and to provide a more convenient and efficient user experience for our FOL portal users.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me or my staff if you have any further questions concerning future enhancements to our FOL portal.

Sincerely,

Michael Pentony

Regional Administrator

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