

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council

800 North State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901 Phone: 302-674-2331 | FAX: 302-674-5399 | www.mafmc.org Michael P. Luisi, Chairman | G. Warren Elliott, Vice Chairman Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D., Executive Director

March 21, 2019

Mr. Michael Pentony Regional Administrator National Marine Fisheries Service Greater Atlantic Region 55 Great Republic Drive Gloucester, MA 01930-2276

Dear Mike:

Enclosed please find a copy of the Environmental Assessment, Regulatory Impact Review, and Regulatory Flexibility Act Analysis supporting a framework adjustment to the Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Fishery Management Plan. This framework includes alternatives for black sea bass recreational conservation equivalency, Block Island Sound transit provisions for all three species, and recreational slot limits for all three species.

A copy of this document was also sent to Emily Gilbert of your staff via e-mail. Please call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Christopher M. Moore Executive Director

cc: Mike Luisi, Warren Elliott, Julia Beaty, Emily Gilbert