

## Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council

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Owen C. Nichols Director, Marine Fisheries Research Center for Coastal Studies 5 Holway Avenue Provincetown, MA 02657

Dear Owen,

Please accept this letter of support from the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council regarding your project entitled "Quantification of hatching success: do longfin inshore squid (Doryteuthis (Amerigo) pealeii) embryos survive in egg masses discarded during squid bottom trawl fishing?" The project's objectives appear relevant to the sustainable management of the longfin squid fishery, and we hope that you can secure funding to undertake the project. Please keep us apprised of any results.

Sincerely,

Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D. Executive Director

cc: M. Luisi, W. Elliott, J. Didden