



**Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council**

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700 Pilottown Road  
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RE: Dr. Xiao-Hai et al. proposal

Dear Selection Committee:

Please accept this letter from the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) in support of Dr. Xiao-Hai Yan and collaborators for their proposal entitled "Utilizing Remote Sensing Big Data to Study the Coastal Oceans' Response to Climate Change."

The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council is one of eight regional councils responsible for the conservation and management of fishery resources within U.S. federal waters. The Council manages more than 64 species, several of which support important commercial and recreational fisheries in the mid-Atlantic region.

Changing ocean conditions can impact the productivity, distribution, and availability of Council-managed species. The coastal areas of focus in this proposal include important habitats for many Council-managed species. A better understanding of how changing oceanographic conditions will impact fisheries is essential for moving towards an ecosystem approach to fisheries management.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C. Moore". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "C" and a stylized "Moore".

Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D.  
Executive Director

cc: M. Luisi, W. Elliot