

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council

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

Dear Mike:

At its December 2018 meeting, the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council agreed to create a workgroup to continue the framework action to review the current ABC control rule and risk policy initially established in 2010. The workgroup will consider existing and potentially develop new risk policy alternatives for Council consideration that evaluate both biological and economic outcomes and trade-offs. If interested, we are seeking a member from your team to join the workgroup which includes Council staff, members from our SSC, and academia. We plan to schedule the first workgroup meeting in mid-June.

Please call me or Brandon Muffley of my staff if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D.

Executive Director

cc: M. Luisi, W. Elliott