



**Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council**

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Mr. Michael Pentony  
National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), GARFO  
55 Great Republic Drive  
Gloucester, MA 01930

Dear Mike:

At the December 2018 Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) Meeting and April 2019 Council Meeting, the 2019 and 2020 recommendations, given below in gray for Atlantic surfclam were revised. The Council did not modify the annual catch targets (ACTs) or commercial quotas that were previously recommended for 2019 and 2020, and implemented by NMFS; therefore, the previously conducted environmental assessment that examined the impact of changes in quota still apply. In addition, at our June 2019 Council meeting, the Council unanimously passed a motion requesting that the minimum size for Atlantic surfclam be suspended in 2020.

Year	OFL <sup>1</sup>	ABC <sup>1</sup>	ACL <sup>2</sup>	ACT	Commercial Quota
2019	74,281 mt	56,419 mt	56,419 mt	29,363 mt	26,218 mt
2020	74,110 mt	56,289 mt	56,289 mt	29,363 mt	26,218 mt

Please call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D.  
Executive Director

cc: J. Coakley, W. Elliott, M. Luisi, D. Potts

<sup>1</sup> Recommendations revised by SSC.

<sup>2</sup> Recommendations revised by Council.