



**Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council**

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Dear Ed,

Please accept this letter of support from the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council regarding your project entitled “*Characterizing the habitat use and seasonal movements of two highly migratory coastal sharks of conservation and management interest, the Sandbar and Smooth Dogfish Shark.*” The project’s objectives appear relevant to the sustainable management of these resources, and the methods employed could potentially be used in the future to examine a species we manage, spiny dogfish. Accordingly, we hope that you can secure funding to undertake the project and please keep us apprised of any results.

Sincerely,

Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D.  
Executive Director

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