



Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council

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RE: Dr. Kimberly Oremus proposal

Dear NOAA Selection Committee:

Please accept this letter from the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) in support of Dr. Kimberly Oremus's proposal entitled "Rebuilding Provisions under the Magnuson-Stevens Act: Impacts on Biomass, Catch and Employment." The anticipated research results from this proposal will have a direct application to the National Marine Fisheries Service and the council system as they develop, implement and enforce rebuilding plans under current federal law.

Dr. Oremus proposes a comprehensive and unique approach to allow for an evaluation and comparison between stocks that have undergone a rebuilding plan to a control group of similar species that did not undergo rebuilding plans. This will allow for an analysis of the causal relationship between the catch restrictions imposed by the rebuilding plans and the actual growth achieved taking into account stock specific management actions as well as market, trophic or other interactions. Such analysis should provide answers as to why some rebuilding plans are more successful than others with implications for future management.

The results of this proposal will provide a number of useful benefits to the Council. First, it will help in the development and updating of current Fishery Management Plans by providing information on how various types of management may affect the results of rebuilding programs. Second, it will provide support in explaining to constituents the nature and size of expected benefits of implementing rebuilding plans. And finally, the database developed under the project will be available for other comparative studies of management programs.

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 the first letter of the first name being a large, stylized 'C'.

Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D.
Executive Director

cc: M. Luisi, W. Elliot