



**Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council**

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Dr. Geret DePiper  
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Dear Dr. DePiper:

I am pleased to inform you that you have been selected by the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) to serve as a member of its Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC). Your economic expertise in the areas of ecosystem science, management, and socioeconomic trade-offs will be a valuable asset to the SSC and Council. Your term will begin March 1, 2020 and will be effective for three years.

Over the next several years, the Council will work to address a number of science and management priorities. Topics such as ocean planning and development, allocation of fisheries resources, stock assessment improvements, implications of climate change, and continuing to advance EAFM strategies are just some of the some of the challenges and initiatives the Council will consider. The SSC will play a critical role in this process by providing ongoing and timely biological, socioeconomic and science advice. The Council looks forward to your participation on the SSC to help advance these priorities.

The next meeting of the SSC is scheduled for March 10 – 11, 2020 in Baltimore. You should receive an email shortly from Brandon Muffley, the Council staff liaison with the SSC, for additional meeting details and other SSC background and administrative information.

Congratulations! Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D.  
Executive Director

Cc: Luisi, Elliott, Rago