



**Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council**

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Dear David,

Please accept this letter of support from the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council regarding your project entitled “*Comparing Catch Efficiencies of Box Net and Rope Net Trawls in Southern New England to Reduce Bycatch and Improve Efficiency in the Directed Longfin Squid Fishery.*” The project’s objectives appear directly relevant to the sustainable management of the longfin squid fishery, and we hope that you can secure funding to undertake the project. The project also aligns with a proposed new fishery management plan objective to “Encourage research that may lead to practicable opportunities to further reduce bycatch in the MSB fisheries.” Jason Didden of my staff is available to participate in a consultative role as described in the proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C Moore", is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D.  
Executive Director

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