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Mr. Mike Pentony
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National Marine Fisheries Service Greater Atlantic Region
55 Great Republic Drive
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Dear Mike:

The New England Fishery Management Council and the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council reviewed the draft regulatory text for the eVTR Joint Omnibus Framework in order to deem whether it is consistent with the action's text and the Councils' intent. The review was based on the draft regulatory text provided to the Council staffs by email on April 16, 2020. As a result of discussion with your staff, several clarifications were made to the text provided to the Councils, which were incorporated in the updated version sent to the Councils by email on April 22, 2020. The regulatory text is consistent with the Councils' intent for the measures proposed in the eVTR Joint Omnibus Framework, and we deem them to be necessary and appropriate for the purposes of implementing this action.

Please reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,

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Michael P. Luisi
Chairman
Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John F. Quinn".

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cc: Chris Moore, Warren Elliott, Tom Nies, Eric Reid, Sam Asci, Moira Kelly, Karson Coutré