



Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council

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Mr. Tom Nies
Executive Director
New England Fishery Management Council
50 Water Street, Mill 2
Newburyport, MA 01950

Dear Tom:

During the August 2020 MAFMC meeting, the Council passed the following motion: “Move to support sending a letter to NEFMC asking them to prioritize in 2021 an amendment to address leasing in the full-time limited access sea scallop fishery.”

Please include this communication in briefing materials as the NEFMC develops priorities for 2021. It is our understanding that consideration of leasing enjoys broad support in the limited-access scallop fleet, and that an amendment could best address the various provisions that would be part of a leasing program.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C. Moore".

Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D.
Executive Director

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