



February 7, 2022

Holly Rolls
SCS Global Services
2000 Powell St.
Emeryville, CA 94608

Dear Ms. Rolls,

The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) and the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (Commission) confirm their understanding of the Client Action Plan in support of the Marine Stewardship Council assessment of the US Atlantic Scup Trawl Fishery.

The Council and Commission recognize their involvement in the plan and that actions taken under their joint management of scup affect the ability of the client group (Lund's Fisheries Inc. and Seafreeze, Ltd.) to comply with the action plan. The Council and Commission agree to regularly reviewing the potential effectiveness and practicality of measures to minimize scup bycatch and implement alternative measures as appropriate and resources allow. Specifically, the Council's 2022 Implementation Plan prioritizes two related initiatives:

- 1) Review and potentially revise commercial minimum mesh size regulations and exemptions for summer flounder, scup and black sea bass.
- 2) Evaluate commercial scup discards and gear restricted areas.

Please contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,

A black and white signature of Christopher M. Moore.

Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D.
Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council
Executive Director

A blue ink signature of Robert E. Beal.

Robert E. Beal
Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission
Executive Director

cc: M. Luisi, P. Townsend, J. Davis, J. Kaelin, M. Lapp, K. Coutre, T. Kerns, D. C. Leaning