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MEMORANDUM

Date: October 1, 2021
To: Council and Policy Board
From: Brandon Muffley, Council staff
Subject: SSC Sub-Group Review of Recreational Models

On Monday, September 20, 2021, the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) convened a panel consisting of members of the Council's Science and Statistical Committee (SSC) to review two recreational management models.

The two models, a recreational fleet dynamics model and an economic recreational demand model, are being considered for use in developing management measures under the alternatives considered through the Recreational Harvest Control Rule Framework/Addendum for summer flounder, scup, black sea bass, and bluefish. These models could also be used under the current process for setting recreational management measures. The peer review panel was tasked with identifying potential benefits, uncertainties, and appropriate approaches and considerations of each model for use in setting recreational management measures.

A final report from the peer review will be posted with the briefing materials for the Council and Policy Board's October 21, 2021 meeting once it is available.

Background materials on the peer review and the two models, including terms of reference for the review, presentations, and overviews of the two models are available here:

<https://www.mafmc.org/council-events/2021/ssc-peer-review-panel-sept20>.