



## Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council

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Dr. Paul Rago  
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Dear Paul:

Thank you for interest in serving as a member of the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's (Council) Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC). I am pleased to notify you that the full Council agreed by unanimous consent to reappoint you as a member of our SSC. Your term will become effective March 15, 2019 and will be effective for three years.

Over the next several years, the Council will work to address a number of science and management priorities which will be informed by the development and implementation of the Council's next Strategic Plan (2020-2024). Topics such as ocean planning and development, allocation of fisheries resources, aquaculture, implications of climate change, and continuing to advance EAFM strategies are just some of the some of the challenges and initiatives the Council will consider. The SSC will play a critical role in this process by providing ongoing and timely biological, socioeconomic and science advice. The Council greatly appreciates your contribution to this process and looks forward to your continued participation on the SSC.

Congratulations! Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Christopher M. Moore, PhD.  
Executive Director

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