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Mr. Michael Pentony  
Regional Administrator  
National Marine Fisheries Service  
Greater Atlantic Region  
55 Great Republic Drive  
Gloucester, MA 01930-2276

Dear Mike:

Enclosed please find a copy of the Environmental Assessment, Regulatory Impact Review, and Regulatory Flexibility Act Analysis supporting a framework adjustment to the Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Fishery Management Plan. This framework includes alternatives for black sea bass recreational conservation equivalency, Block Island Sound transit provisions for all three species, and recreational slot limits for all three species.

A copy of this document was also sent to Emily Gilbert of your staff via e-mail. Please call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Christopher M. Moore  
Executive Director

cc: Mike Luisi, Warren Elliott, Julia Beaty, Emily Gilbert