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Mr. Michael Pentony  
National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), GARFO  
55 Great Republic Drive  
Gloucester, MA 01930

Dear Mike:

The Council is pleased to submit the completed document, "Review of the Atlantic Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Individual Transferable Quota Program."

The review report (available here: [https://SCOQReview\\_FinalMay2019.pdf](https://SCOQReview_FinalMay2019.pdf)) was structured around "Guidance for Conducting Review of Catch Share Programs," (NMFS Procedural Instruction 01-121-01) and constitutes the first program review for the first Limited Access Privilege Program developed in the country.

Electronic copies of the review report, including public comment received on the report, will be transmitted to your staff.

Please call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D.  
Executive Director

cc: J. Coakley, W. Elliott, M. Luisi, D. Potts