



**Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council**

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Emerson Hasbrouck  
Cornell University Cooperative Extension  
Marine Program  
423 Griffing Avenue, Suite 100  
Riverhead, NY 11901

Dear Emerson,

Please accept this letter of support from the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) regarding your project to assist the commercial fishing industry in the transition to electronic reporting. The project's focus on industry training is timely as the Council is considering requiring electronic Vessel Trip Reporting (eVTRs) for all commercial permit holders. A well-designed eVTR program that is widely accepted by fishermen would be more efficient than the current system. Outreach and training will be crucial to the successful implementation of electronic reporting throughout the Northeast region and we hope that you are able to secure funding to aid industry in this transition. Due to the anticipated benefits to our stakeholders, please keep us apprised of this project's progress.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "C. Moore", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D.  
Executive Director

cc: M. Luisi, W. Elliott, K. Coutre