



**Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council**

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Mr. Tom Nies  
New England Fishery Management Council  
50 Water Street, Mill 2  
Newburyport, MA 01950

Dear Tom:

As part of our 2020 Implementation Plan, the Council has tasked the staff with the development of a series of river herring/shad (RH/S) discussion papers. These papers will cover several topics, including modification of the RH/S caps based on biological information, coordination with the NEFMC, and/or time-area hotspots. Given the Mid-Atlantic and New England Councils' overlapping interest in RH/S, we are requesting that you identify a staff person as a point of contact for coordination. Staff involvement is likely to constitute participation in several planning calls and document reviews over the course of the year.

Please call me or Jason Didden of my staff if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D.  
Executive Director

cc: M. Luisi, W. Elliott, S. Winslow